

about economic development in other areas of the state, it is appropriate that we should be concerned about economic development in the northern portion of the state, and in the western part of the state. This bill represents economic development in the sense that it will give us a chance to maintain something we already have. Most of the time we're talking, in economic development, about things that we don't know if we'll get, and we're not sure what the effects are going to be. And I think we've already had enough discussion on that. But I want to ca... I want you to think about this as an economic development bill that will benefit the entire state. Senator Chambers says that things are at such a point that we have no hope of dealing with the C&NW. That is certainly not the case. The negotiations with the C&NW have been very difficult, they have been the most convoluted negotiations that, in my brief career, I've had the opportunity to be involved in, but they are not over. Senator Lamb is correct when he indicates that if we are unsuccessful with this legislation that we will lose bargaining position in the coming abandonment, and I say coming abandonment because it is coming. The first effort will be made to abandon a segment of the line from Dakota Junction to Crandall, Wyoming, isolating the segment that runs from Dakota Junction to Norfolk. It is a domino process, and that process is beginning, and it will continue. If we are unsuccessful in this legislation, I think we will be unsuccessful in opposing the abandonment, because we will have given up, we will have passed by this opportunity for the State of Nebraska. This is simply too important to pass by. I urge your opposition to the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members, obviously given my speech on LB 783, I would say that the body was wrong in advancing LB 783. But you can't necessarily right that wrong by going forward like this, that's not the way to do it. The body made the policy in 783, and the majority of members voted such. The next thing to do then is put your money where your mouth is and advance LB 783AE. One is because just the way it works, the cash transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund was transferred out into the General Fund, LB 783. LB 783A spends the money for its intended purpose. If you fail to...if you bracket the A bill, or do not advance the A bill, the money goes into the General Fund, but does not go for its intended purpose, and I guess it is there for our use in the upcoming biennium. I guess my