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year. And if, indeed, it is our opinion not to transfer any money, we could still come back in in the '92 session and correct that situation before that transfer occurs. And so the Cash Reserve Fund, when it is all said and done, may be not tapped at all for this cost. So, that is how the situation stands at this time.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Crosby.

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Madam President and friends. I have such terrible mixed feelings about this legislation because for a variety of reasons. In the first place, I come from a railroad family, so railroads are a part of my background and upbringing, and I think we all have a feeling of loss as the railroads seem to go one by one; that our society has changed that much that we don't have those trains running that you used to be able to get on in Hastings and go clear to Omaha for a concert at night, if you wanted to, and go back on the Zephyr in the 2:00 a.m. It was wonderful, and so I understand what all of you are saying about the C&NW line. Along with that, my children's grandfather was an employee of Chicago Northwestern. So I do have some ties to the railroad, and I have real problems with the money, especially since some people who support this bill did not support some of the things I want. I have already said that to him, that that really hurts when he is coming around asking for that much money but will not vote for something that I think is very important to the state, too. Now I have listened to Senator Moore about the explanation about the Cash Reserve as opposed to the General Fund now because we didn't put the emergency clause on LB 783. It does seem to me, and I would hope that Senator Wickersham and some other people might address this, that since we did pass the main bill and, incidentally, I am going to vote to reconsider because I guess we need to look at it once more, but since we passed the main bill, it would seem that the people along that line who want to go out and try to keep the line going, and I firmly believe what they tell me that some of those small elevators will close; it is going to be the demise of some of those small towns because the elevator and that kind of business is what keeps those towns going. The railroads came and started our towns. They keep a lot of them going, so one way or another it seems since we passed LB 783 that that would show those people at least that we do have the interest and we are concerned, and some way or another, Senator Wickersham, as I mentioned, maybe you can address some of these things, if we could figure out how the