

have a corn checkoff on it? It is a rural project. Couldn't we...Senator Kristensen, couldn't we have a corn checkoff on that and pay for that railroad some way? I know you wouldn't vote for it but we could because it is a rural project, if we can get enough votes. I have had abandoned track in mine for years north of Blair all the way up, and I can think over there by, I think it is Snyder, starting with Snyder, Leigh, and Clarkson, Howells, in there, they have had their track disbanded, and I know one thing, they still have grain elevators there. So, people,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...I think it goes back to what Senator Chambers said this morning. I think when you are casting your vote on this, you'd better not cast it with your heart. You had better cast it with your head. I stand to defeat the reconsideration.

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

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I appreciate Senator Ashford bringing the reconsider motion. I think he was quite honest about that in that he thought the matter wouldn't come to a vote before lunch and left the Chamber. If he had been present and voting, he has indicated he would have voted for passage of the bill and, therefore, he brought the reconsider motion. But as we are debating the reconsider motion, we are plowing some of the same old ground, and I am not sure exactly how much interest we have in doing that, but I hear some questions that have been answered before, and either the answers have been missed or they have just been misunderstood. Specifically, Senator Robinson asks what would you do with your money if you had \$5 million to invest, and why aren't we getting a great deal of outside money into the project. Well, first of all, the return, if you will, on this investment is more than adequate. To reiterate, if the state is willing to invest \$5 million, I believe that the very real return to the state will be the avoidance of \$110 million in costs over the next 25 years. That is more than an adequate rate of return, and I think even one that Senator Robinson would put in the bank for his grandchildren or whomever. Secondly, there is a considerable amount of outside money, if you will, that will be required for the project and that comes in the