

terms of operating capital, and in terms of rehabilitation capital. So whatever the State of Nebraska might put into this project is certainly not all of the money that is needed. We have deliberately asked that this transaction, if you will, be structured in that way, recognizing that if other people have something at risk other than just the State of Nebraska, that those persons, whomever they are, whether they are private individuals, whether they are other governmental entities, have something at stake, that this rail line will have a much greater chance of success. So we have deliberately structured the transaction so that it is necessary that outside money be placed in the project and be at risk. And with that, I would simply ask your vote in support of Senator Ashford's motion to reconsider.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the body, I am not in support of the motion to reconsider. I do not want to plow, replot old ground, however, but simply mention two points that I don't think have been mentioned, or emphasized, at least, on the floor today. There are some who think that it would make no sense to decline the A bill after having passed the main bill. However, I think it is quite logical, it would be quite logical for a person to do that because we've become absorbed in this discussion on a particular project, but this bill is not about a particular project only. If you take a close look at 783, and I hope you do, you will see that what it does is to flesh out into complete detail a skeletal structure of a railroad council and this whole institution that we are creating. We created it a few years ago. It was a skeleton. It now has about 17 more or 18 more pages of detail. And so what you have done with the main bill is to create an institution to deal with abandoned railroads and the revitalization of railroads, whether they deal with this particular project or whether they deal with the 800 and some other miles of railroad that we anticipate will be abandoned. So I think there is...there may be in your minds very logical and very correct and real reasons for distinguishing between the two bills, and I think a person should feel comfortable not voting for the A bill because the A bill is money that pertains to one project. Or does it? Or does it? And I guess that brings me to the second point that was brought to my attention, which is, basically, this, and think about this a little bit. We are all assuming that if this