

worthwhile. I think this body and the Governor has recognized that and included a half a million dollars that is presently in the budget regardless of what we do. Here comes the second part that's probably not, I won't say troublesome, maybe unusual, and I'm going to sit here and defend the Governor a little bit, Senator Chambers. Now, obviously, when the Governor presented his budget to us in January, the revenue picture in the State of Nebraska had about 60 million more dollars and, unfortunately, whether any of us like it or not, when there is less money to spend you have to make choices. Now I don't know, I've certainly not talked to the Governor about this in any way, shape or form, because, as Senator Chambers mentioned, nobody from the Governor's Office ever came...bothered to come ask for this at committee, so I never even talked to him about it. But it's one of those things that you could be chastised for changing your mind. There was a number of votes that I made today, I could list off a number of these that are very important, you vote "no" on because maybe the money's not there. And it'd be one thing if this...we had indeed, between the Legislature's action and with the Governor's veto, you were totally eliminating funding from North Omaha, there's a half million dollars and I am not going to argue with Senator Chambers that a half a million dollars is far from enough to adequately address all the needs, but nevertheless the charges that we're turning our back on North Omaha if we vote against this I don't think are necessarily founded. Maybe we're not giving them all the help they want or possibly all the help they need, but there are many others in this budget that the same could be said, the exact same could be said for as well. So with that I'd rise to urge the body to sustain the Governor's veto.

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

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam President and members. You know, I've always thought of Senator Chambers as being the paragon of consistency, but here we have a situation that's very similar to the one we had yesterday. You know, this is for the benefit of North Omaha and we had a little old railroad bill yesterday that was for the benefit of northern Nebraska, but Senator Chambers says we might not get our money back, even though it was...it had 7.9 million dollars worth of scrap iron for a 5 million dollar investment. Now here we have a situation where we may or may not get our money back, a million now and another half a million dollars. They're going to invest this