

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Having said that, it does satisfy some intent of LB 701 last year and does not set into motion anything that cannot be reversed if we would choose to because Senator Rasmussen said, obviously, it's her hope that we will continue doing this. So, given that, I rise to support Senator Rasmussen's amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Seeing no further lights, Senator Rasmussen, do you wish to close? Senator Rasmussen waives closing. Those in favor of the Rasmussen amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Clerk, record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Rasmussen's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Are there further amendments on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Wickersham. It's found on page 1393 of the Journal.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment relates to an issue that we debated at some length last year and I'm not going to pass out all the materials that we did last year and not attempt to go back through all of that debate. Very simply, the amendment is to place \$5 million in funding in the Railway Council. I'm sure that's a familiar number and I'm sure the issue is going to be familiar when I mention the Northern Line of the C&NW. The \$5 million would be intended to give the Railway Council the funds necessary to acquire that line which is currently subject to an abandonment petition which was heard in the State of Nebraska, which is very unusual, as a matter of fact, in February. We're still waiting for a decision on that abandonment petition. We may have one by April the 10th. Now, in part, I mentioned that abandonment petition and those proceedings in an effort to bring you up to date just a little bit on this issue. Last year when we were talking about it, no abandonment petition had been filed. There were some who thought that we could still be able to save the C&NW line from abandonment. We won't know that until April the 10th. In addition, we have had ongoing negotiations with the C&NW