

asking her sons what they do, Jessie told her he was in banking, and Frank said he worked on the railroad, and she was very proud of them. I want to ask you this question now. It's the U.S. Surface Transportation Board that's going to have to make this decision ultimately about whether this merger would go through. Are the people on that board likely to have been appointed by the...what's the president's name? Not Carter. I'm stuck in a time warp.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers, it would be President Clinton.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Clinton, Clinton. Is it likely that the "McClinton" administration put the people on the U.S. Surface Transportation Board who are on that board now? Do you know?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It's likely that they put some or all of them there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is Ron Burns a Democrat or a "Repelican"? If you know.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I do not know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He's probably a "Repelican", though, isn't he, considering his corporate ties? Well, let me ask you this, do you think politics can ever enter into a question involving a merger such as this, when there are other railroads that want to buy up some of that trackage through the center of the country that Southern Pacific, is that the one we're talking about? 'Cause I'm not as up on this as you are, and I might misname the railroad. The Southern Pacific, if the merger occurs these other railroads want to buy up some of that trackage, and Ron Burns said that if Union Pacific is required to sell off some of these rail corridors, through the center of the country, they're through, they're going to walk away from the whole thing. Now, does the Union Pacific donate to the campaigns of politicians, do you know?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, I believe I do know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have they donated more to the "Repelicans" or the Democrats?