

when the bill was conceived.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if.... Whether or not this bill passes, I believe Union Pacific is going to do what it's going to do anyway. I can only speculate about that, but that's what I said about Micron, and I was right. And I even wrote rhymes and predicted it all the way down and mocked you all, 'cause I read things other than what was written in Omaha World-Herald. But here's what I want to ask you, when you talked to these Union Pacific people, how confident were they that the merger was going to go through? Or didn't they discuss that with you, because they felt that was probably none of your business.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I...I don't think they stated this pejoratively...as pejoratively as you've delighted in stating it, but I think that's probably their feeling. And, no, they didn't give me the odds on the merger going through.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And it's funny you would say "odds", I think you anticipate something.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Me?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Yes, you. If you were a betting man, what are the chances, do you think, of this merger going through? I'm not talking now about all this stuff on the bill, 'cause we'll discuss that as we go along. What do you think the chances are that the merger will go through, 50-50, or a higher percentage than 50 percent that the merger will go through?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Based on what little I know, and no particular specialized information, I guess my instincts say that it ought to have a 60-40, 70-30 chance of being approved.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you give odds of 7 to 3, or 6 to 4 that it will go through? Would you bet me \$7 against \$3 that it will go through, or would you rather bet me \$6 against \$4 that it will go through? Or, since we're talking about Union Pacific here...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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