

turn on the microphone. (Laughter.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, did you hear words to that effect?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I did hear words to that effect.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Jensen, may I ask you a question about those words? Did you make a statement to that effect in conjunction with this bill being enacted, that what we do on this bill would indicate how serious Nebraska was or interested Nebraska is in keeping Union Pacific here?

SENATOR JENSEN: Without a doubt, Union Pacific is a large corporation, and they're going to weigh all of the different issues, taxes, central location, whatever it might be, they certainly will go through a process deciding where they should be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-huh. But here's what I want to ask you again, did you mean that statement in connection with this bill, since that's what we're discussing, and that what we do with this bill will show the seriousness of intent or the sincerity of Nebraska as far as keeping Union Pacific here for this expanded headquarters, should the merger take place?

SENATOR JENSEN: Certainly anything this Legislature does that would look with favor, I think they'll take that into consideration. Is that the deciding point? No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, Nebraska...we could pass this bill and they could still choose to go someplace else, even if the merger goes through.

SENATOR JENSEN: They might well do that, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if they decided to have headquarters someplace else, does that meant they would draw from Nebraska what's already here and cart that off someplace else, or they would just expand wherever they are now and let this activity in Nebraska continue here.

SENATOR JENSEN: With modern technology certainly their headquarters can be anywhere. Certainly, they're not going to