

they divest some of these very lucrative lines that Southern Pacific has. There are interests which want to see that divestment, and these interests carry a little political clout of their own. So now the battle is between Rodan and Godzilla, so to speak, and we will sit and watch. If there is no merger, all of these jobs that Senator Brashear and others have told us are coming to Omaha will not be coming here. Some of the people in states where there is opposition to the merger are already working for Southern Pacific, and they are worried about losing their job. Senator Jensen talked about Southern Pacific having offices, maybe Union Pacific, too, in Denver and at San Francisco, and that Omaha has to offer or the state all of these sweeteners to get Union Pacific to move people here. But the people working in those offices feel there is a chance that those jobs will move anyway. So we are not being given a straight-line answer because nobody can give one. When we talk about this issue of the average amount paid for these jobs in wages, paid by these jobs, Senator Brashear mentioned the figure \$22,000. I'd like to ask him a question, if he is back there.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear, will you yield for a question.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Madam President, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, unless we have a flat-line amount where everybody is making \$22,000, and we know that is not the case, some people are making less than \$20,000, isn't that true?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Chambers, can I inquire, are we speaking with regard to Union Pacific or 775 jobs, or averages or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, the averages, you had said the average on the 775, I believe, is \$22,000, and I am saying that for that to be an average, there have to be people making less than \$22,000, in order for 22,000 to be the average, is that right?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator, you are correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now when we talk about Union Pacific, you mentioned that some jobs may come here paying an average of \$50,000. Didn't you say something to that effect?