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terminates on June 30th of 2003. Now we have taken out some things, such as the power to issue bonds to acquire real estate and that kind of thing. Until we get a report back, and again I'll say...I'm emphasize no later than January 1 of 2002. If this feasibility study would be completed sooner than that, and they report their findings to this body, we could certainly take further legislative action sooner than that. But you do have to start somewhere. I think Senator Kiel has provided the momentum and the encouragement for us to seriously look at this. And I do think it is the time. Hindsight is wonderful, and if this could have been looked at when the rail between Omaha and Lincoln was discontinued, as Congressman Bereuter pointed out, and that was...in effect could have been rail banked as a possible source of a route, that would have been perhaps very good foresight in preparation for a feasibility study such as this. But, in any event, the committee did seriously look at the bill, try to amend it to the extent that we felt that it would be something that would be workable and we could work forward with and support. And so we propose to the body the adoption of these committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the committee amendments?
Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I have many questions regarding this topic. Where exactly is this going to be? What type of equipment are we actually going to use? What about the surface transportation linkages between the terminuses of this rail line? And lot's of questions, environmental questions, the cost of implementing this. And, frankly, that's why I'm going to support Senator Kiel's bill, because frankly we don't know the answers to many of these questions. We have estimatas. There's enough optimism that Senator Kiel and the supporters have, that she feels confident, and the supporters and the cosigners feel confident that we should go forward. I'm willing to trust my colleagues' confidence and optimism. And I'm certainly willing, although I have questions, willing to say we should go forward. Let's look into these things. Let's answer these questions. Let's look at the costs, and let's go forward. Certainly the points that Senator Kiel brings up, as far as the effect to the environment regarding our automobiles, it certainly doesn't do any favors to our environment. In fact,