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basically sets up the N-TRAC Council, authorizes them to do the study, receive funds to do so. So we have a lot of the questions answered that Senator Hilgert and Senator Vrtiska were alluding to. And, well, Senator Hilgert isn't here, I'll save a comment till later. But I would encourage you to adopt the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Members, please vote if you care to. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are adopted. Debate on the advancement of the bill? Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: I just want to put a couple more things in the record with regard to public transportation in the United States. I've touched on, briefly, issues of economic development. And I don't think we ought to consider that very lightly, because, where we have seen commuter rail be established in other states, we have seen a tremendous increase in economic development. And I think that's very, very important as we talk about what we think should happen in the state of Nebraska as far as development is concerned. We know that public transit spending carries more of a potential to stimulate long-term economic growth than does highway spending. But, more importantly, an effective transportation system of airports, highways, and mass transit is absolutely essential for long-term stimulation of private sector productivity, profitability and investment. American Public Transit Association estimates that for every \$10 million spent on public transit operations, 960 jobs are created, and that multiplier effect develops \$30 million in business revenue. Similarly, every \$10 million of capital investment for transit develops 770 jobs and business revenues of \$33 million. Clearly, the direct economic benefits of transit investment are significant. And similar to the development of highways or other major infrastructure projects, economic impact during the construction