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in particular. It is incumbent upon them to share that extra revenue with entities like MAT without asking us to make up the difference. The difference can be made up locally and should be made up locally.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Brashear. Senator Brashear waives off. Senator Preister, on the motion to override.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I rise in support of Senator Janssen's motion to override. In my district there are some folks who are trying to get to work, trying to get to school. There are some folks on low and fixed incomes that need transportation, that can't afford their own transportation, and to reduce or potentially reduce the transportation routes, the bus service in the metro area at a time when we have done what we called welfare reform and in effect said that people will go to school, go to work or lose all benefits, we need to make sure that we have adequate transportation for folks to be able to get to jobs and to get to school. For those folks who have no other option, that is important. If we do not provide adequate funding then the risk of reduction of some of those bus routes is very real and jeopardizes the transportation availability for these folks. So I thank Senator Janssen for his amendment and I stand in support of it and will vote for it and would ask favorable consideration from my colleagues. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, I talked enough already this morning and so I have mixed emotions about standing up now, but I have to, in good faith, stand up and just define for you kind of problems that the Metropolitan Area Transit has. First of all, it's probably the best run public transit system in the whole country. (inaudible) Curtright (phonetic) is an outstanding administrator. He saves so much money it's unbelievable. He's kept the rates down for the people that have to use the system, people that some cases can't afford a car and others that use it because it's better than using the streets. It's vital and important, especially in areas close to the river, like in my district and the others along the river, but