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the solutions, whether you like it or not, one of these years is going to be developing a mass transit system that is amenable to Nebraskans, and at least in the metro areas, and this is going to be a key component. I support what they've done, I support their vision for the future and I certainly support this line-item override. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Dwite Pedersen, on the motion to override.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Just another point that I want to add here is if we cut public transportation more than this kind of money then we're going to have more people, obviously, afoot. Already we have problems with the clientele that I work with of not being able to get transportation to and from the places they need to get because they, by our laws, which I do support and wholeheartedly agree with, are not able to drive because of the problems they've been into with the law. But if we take the only means of transportation they have left when they have no family then we're going to have more problems. Public transportation is necessary and it's used a lot in the Omaha area. There's a lot of us who realize that but I would understand that there would be others that wouldn't see that because it doesn't hit them close to home. I can tell you that there are a lot of people who depend on this and without it we'll have a lot of people who will be afoot, and I mean afoot in such a way where they can't walk to the distance they need to. Short walk never hurt anybody, but when they have...when you have to walk miles to get somewhere then you need transportation. I, too, support the override of this line item. Thank you. Ask you to do the same.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Raikes, on the motion to override.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to oppose this override item. I think Senator Wickersham has made the relevant points. The change from a...treating vehicles as a property tax item to a fee item was a sensible change. One of the results was that...of that was a reallocation of funds. From what I can gather, it is not