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be state money involved in these processes, that we ought to know whether we're looking at something that we ought to call a subsidy, or whether we are truly looking at a legitimate loan program, or what exactly is the nature of what we're doing, especially when we are interjecting ourselves in what some might consider an economic rivalry between trucking companies and railroad companies, for example, and that we ought to be particularly cautious with regard to short lines because they have...to the extent that they're profitable, it seems that the big railroad companies hang onto them, and to the extent that they're not profitable they have been shedding them. And so if they are not profitable for the railroad companies, the relevant question becomes why and under conditions, or when the state of Nebraska should step in to subsidize something that may involve us ultimately in some long-range subsidizations...subsidizing of projects once we begin the process. That's just kind of, by way of background, what I recall from prior discussions, and I want to engage in that discussion again, if we might. But my first question to you, you indicated that the hang-up here was really with the distribution of federal funds; that it's federal funds that's really the bulk of the money that we're talking about here that needs to be loaned out or invested or whatever. And so maybe we could make this discussion very short indeed. Do you have any objection to putting language in the bill that simply would prohibit state General Funds from going into these projects?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bromm, would you yield?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, I would want to check on the technical effect of that. My gut feeling is that I would not have an objection. My understanding is that the only claim the state could make to any funds that are in there now would be interest that has been earned on the federal funds, and that under the federal act that these funds were received under, part of the 4-R Act I guess, that they take the position that the fruits of the funds, or the interest earned on the funds, have to be used for the same intent and purpose of the...for which the funds were initially appropriated to the state. So I don't really think what you're saying causes a problem, but I would like an opportunity to check on that before I...before it's