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Because frankly, there...a lot of people were invited to comment ahead of time, and were not...that was not an issue that was raised in those comments and now, when the bill comes up then, people wish to have changes made, mostly in the representation. If this is going to be...obviously, if this is going to be a meaningful group, they're going to have to address transportation issues. But also, if it's going to be a meaningful group, they are going to have to be of a size that they can actually address something.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: And I just believe that the city representatives and the county representatives are going to...I mean, the corridor that we're talking about, I-80, is about transportation. They're going to have to be very sensitive to transportation as an issue. So I would consider it, but I'm not promising anything.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I appreciate that, Senator Brown. I just hope that you can appreciate that a pivotal concern of mine, a pivotal issue for me relative to the bill, is the participation, ultimately, of my constituency in the economic development. And a key component of that, thereby, would be public transportation. So I hope that you can appreciate that. I think that a member on this commission that is explicitly involved with the issues of public transportation, and not as a secondary involvement from a city--and as you know, Omaha...the city of Omaha has no direct linkage with Metro Area Transit. So...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Mr. Clerk, for an announcement, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Agriculture Committee is meeting underneath the north balcony...south balcony, excuse me, right now. Thank you.