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SENATOR KRUSE: ... the dealing with this issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on the motion. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. want...I don't dispute anything about Senator Kruse. The needs are out there. There's no question about it. We have lots of needs within the state of Nebraska. I do want to bring you up to date on where we are with the reauthorization of transportation funding on the federal level. The House and the Senate have both passed their versions of the reauthorization. And as I speak, I believe they're working on appointing the House-Senate conference committee members to reconcile the differences. What's interesting is that mass transit funding in this bill, whether you take the House version or the Senate version, if you average the differences between them, they're going to increase funding for mass transit to the state of Nebraska \$3.8 million next year. And that's if they would take the average of the two. I don't know where they'll end up between the \$13.9 million and the \$16.9 million, but I'm guessing someplace in the middle. So we're going...we're looking at quite a little increased funding to mass transit, state of Nebraska, which is going to help the situation that Senator Kruse has spoken about. The other issue that I want to address is, within the next three to four weeks, the Department of Roads will have a comprehensive report available on public transit needs and status within the state of Nebraska. And it's too bad it's not done now. But I'm predicting that when that's done and we see what we get the final authorization or what the final bill looks like that comes out of the House-Senate conference committee, we will have some ability to address our needs. And that would be my statement. I'd be glad to answer any questions, if there are any. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Kruse, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on your motion, or else...you're recognized to close.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to acknowledge Senator Baker and the Transportation Committee, which...who have