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SENATOR BROMM: Yes, Senator Beutler, I do, and it's just filed right behind yours now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BROMM: It includes your amendment and then the language about receiving bequests or gifts or grants to fund the project.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I'd withdraw my amendment and await Senator Bromm's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bromm, AM0508, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 706.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on AM0508.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Beutler just withdrew an amendment which comprises the first section of this amendment and, basically, that indicates that the state shall not participate in any rail project or appropriate funds for any rail project proposed by the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact unless the specific project is authorized by the enactment of a legislative bill by this body. A rail project would include the planning phase of such a project. There were concerns discussed and expressed on General File about whether we could get drawn into supporting a project just by virtue of being a member of the compact and be required to appropriate large sums of money for either planning or construction of a project that we...that we didn't favor and so, in response to that, Senator Beutler proposed this idea and I think it's a good one. At the same time, we also discussed, and I had mentioned on General File, that we have had an expression of interest in donating or providing some funds for the state's compact membership fee which we had estimated to be \$25,000 or perhaps a lesser amount if more states wind up joining, and progress in that area is...is being made. Other states are taking action, it seems, pretty promptly. So Section 4, or the