

Now who is going to pay it? The tax payers. Now what are we doing in lieu of some of the additional costs, we are saying that the elderly are going to ride for 10¢ a piece. That is all that it amounts too, there is no fiscal irresponsibility or anything else, it is a fact of life. If you have got mass transit in Omaha, which you have and you have got it in Lincoln, it is always going to loose you money and a lot of money. But, how are people going to get around? They are running Min-buses around Lincoln and I presume that they will in Omaha from one district to another for the convenience of people in certain districts. This is the way we live. If we have to find some way to make these people were they can get and go from where they are. Now for example, many people now can't afford to own an automobile. They can afford to pay for example a subsidize transit system to the extent necessary to make the fare reasonable to the point that they can ride and the taxpayers are going to make up the difference. This is no different than anything else. I realize that this is a sentimental thing and I know that it is understandable. I also know that Senator Syas has as much compassion in his heart as anybody here. He has hasked a reasonable question. I have tried to answer it, the tax payer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, Snyder, then Proud.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, may I ask Senator Mahoney a question? Senator Mahoney from what I understand is that your amendment will provide that where you have a non-profit organization that is exempt from the payment of federal income taxes, that they can go ahead and organize and transport these elderly people but you are going to limit them to 10¢ a ride. Now, what I am wondering and I'm not against this, I'm not against it and I want you to know that. I'm just wondering if the a..a...lets say that we have a group of older people who wish to organize a non-profit and they want to charge more than 10¢ because some of them can afford it a is this going to handicap having a new non-profit organization for this purpose?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Whitney would you be one of the first contributors to this extra group of older people that are wealthy enough to form this organization?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Would I be willing personally to contribute?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, is that what you are....

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, this is the reason why I am interested, because I may want to make a contribution, to this non-profit organization.

SENATOR MAHONEY: From Chappel, Nebraska?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Fine, well we do have this problem up in our particular metropolitan city and I know that you are a long ways away across the state in Chappel and I'm sure that you want to help the Whitney's that are relatives of yours and you have many of them in Omaha, and I'm sure that your particular concern here will probably never come about in our life time, but I do believe that this is a good amendment and you will show as a senior citizen that you are interested in the old folks by voting for this amendment.