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must at least get our foot in the door to help the elderly, and this is what Senator Carpenter and my amendment would be doing. We are saying to those 85% of the people who said we would like to go downtown, we would like to become part and parcel of the lower theater fare, if we can get transportation there. How many sons and daughters worrying about seeing if their mothers and dads get to the doctor? How many sons and daughters worry if they get to the grocery store? We're allowing them at least the one mode of transportation, the one mode of transportation, bus transportation, and we're saying 10¢ and we're going to fill some empty seats, and it's not going to hurt one damn bit.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Waldron, then Goodrich, Nore, Clark, Fellman, Syas. Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Carpenter's amendment. I think it is time that we go on record here in the Legislature as doing something for the elderly. My personal opinion is they do this in other states and it's a subsidized service there is no question about it. The general tax payer will have to make it up. But why not? The general tax payer, we're already paying for the executives of big corporations that fly around in their private jets. The tax payers pay for that. Why can't we take a little bit of the tax money and pay for the elderly. And so I'd just like to have the members know that we should support this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, then Nore, Clark, Fellman. Speaking on the Carpenter Amendment which is a substitute amendment to the Mahoney Amendment.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I just have one short point to make and that is that is if we, for example, as the Legislature are going to dictate how the local transportation companies will handle

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the transportation and set the price for them, we all know that 10¢ is not going to cover the cost. Now if we are going to dictate to them the price that they are going to charge the elderly, which I am in full agreement with, I wouldn't oppose that for love nor money, but I just think that the Legislature ought to also be willing to furnish the money to make up the difference between the 10¢ and the actual cost as we audit the books of the transportation company and determine it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, then Clark, Fellman, Syas, Whitney, Chambers, Cavanaugh. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, members.. I have mixed emotions about this particular piece of legislation. I know that we are not taking care of our elderly as we should. I think there should be some priorities. I know that medically they are not getting the care that they should be getting. Maybe that is more important than transportation. But transportation is important, but I was wondering if it would be possible, probably