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dealing with health and compassion to people that need it. We have economic benefits coming to the cities, to the downtown areas, and something that nobody is even talking about yet is we have a strengthening of the public transportation system. In an age or in a time when we're worrying about the energy crisis where we have a woefully under developed system of mass transportation in the whole state. It seems to me that we've got our priorities in this debate, or at least those of you who are opposing this seem to have your priorities reversed. This would seem to me a simple and an easy place to show compassion, a simple and easy place to strengthen the central part of the city, a simple and easy place to help the elderly, and I would guess that many of us here should at least feel that 60 years old isn't that old. I doubt that a bill by itself declaring 60 to be elderly would bring much would get much support on the floor of this Legislature. It would seem to me that this is an attempt to help a large, reasonable, virile, segment of our population. And I would think a large share of those members of this body would agree with this idea. And finally, this is in a small way contributing to saving energy, to developing mass transportation. It seems to me that I'm not going to, at this point obviously I'm not going to end debate, I'm hopeful that the long list of people that are about to get up to talk are doing this as I am. Not with an eye for a political speech because I'm not a candidate for election to this body next year. But with an eye to helping people in a number of areas. In the area of the elderly, the handicapped, in the area of energy, and in an area that is fiscally responsible because of the good that's accomplished.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Syas, then Senator Whitney. Once again this amendment can be found on page 463 and we are speaking on the Carpenter's substitute amendment to the Mahoney amendment.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Mr. President I'm going to bite the bullit. First though, I want to ask Senator Waldron a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SYAS: Senator Waldron are you in favor of in order to support this the 5% bill that we have in Urban Affairs that'll take hiway funds for mass transit?

SENATOR WALDRON: Senator Syas, let me assure you that I am profunding this, I am profunding any measure that will help the elderly. I'm not for this taking away from the highway users taxes to fund it. I think it comes, should come from the sales and income tax, as many other of our projects, and not from the highway users.

SENATOR SYAS: OK, I want to ask you another question. Is there anything in this bill that says it's going to be, the subdivisions are going to be reimbursed from the sales and income tax?

SENATOR WALDRON: Why I know there isn't Senator, but that can be placed in there and I was having a discussion with your other fellow Senator here from Omaha about that, but we've got to start somewhere you can't expect to have it perfect in one amendment. I'll be willing to support that amendment if you'll get it together, but to put it on this, the counties will be reimbursed for it.