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SENATOR SYAS: In that event, I would favor this. If you can show me where the money is I am going to favor the 10 cents, but I am going to stand up here today and ask a couple of questions. How much does this cost, for instance to Omaha, in revenue on our transit system? We have to pay drivers, we have to get equipment, we have to buy fuel and we have to have upkeep. We are now limited to one mill for the support of the transit company, and just a minute until I get through. We are now limited to one mill for the transit company. The people that came down the other day testifying, as I understood it, were for these things that providing, they said that it doesn't cost to pay anymore taxes. I am not afraid of costing taxes on this. All I am asking the introducer's of this and this Legislature to face up in this bill the revenue that is needed for the losses. To often I have watched this Legislature do certain things that were very popular but they failed to appropriate the money. Years ago, there is one that will always stand out in my mind, and Senator Duis, unfortunately isn't here, but at that particular time the Legislature authorized the home for the trainable at Cozad, and the people were very happy with what the Legislature did and they were all heroes in here except George Syas, I didn't vote for him, and they were really on me so I went to these people, parents, and I said I will tell you why I didn't vote for it, they the Legislature didn't appropriate any money for it, so how are you going to build it? So I came in about four or five days later and said alright, since you authorized this place I move that we appropriate \$200,000 to do this. In other words, put the money where your mouth was, and they did it. So that is how Cozad come about. Now here we have got a similar thing, I am for this if this Legislature will appropriate the money to take care of the losses. The loss of the Omaha Transit Company from the deduction in fairs, that is the loss. It doesn't make any difference, have I got the floor, or does Carpenter?

PRESIDENT: Well just talk away Senator.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Stand by, just a minute, well go ahead read the motion.

CLERK: The motion is to amend the Carpenter substitute amendment by striking the words, "they cost not in excess of 10 cents per person," and inserting, "no cost." Signed Senator Proud.

PRESIDENT: Now Senator Proud, before you speak on your amendment and so forth, would you allow the Chair please to call on Senator Mahoney, I think maybe we can clarify this and perhaps help the debate here just a little bit. Senator Mahoney?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well Mr. President, I am speaking in favor of Senator Carpenter's amendment. My amendment was up originally and there was some technical errors and it was corrected by Senator Carpenter. That is the good amendment and that is the amendment that I was speaking of.

PRESIDENT: Then it is alright if we, in essence, are you asking unanimous consent to withdraw your amendment so that we can continue...

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Carpenter's amendment before the floor.

PRESIDENT: Alright fine, that will help a little bit. Alright, now Senator Mahoney is asking unanimous consent to withdraw his original amendment. Are there objections to that? Fine, then we now have actually the substitute amendment by Senator Carpenter which now is proposed to be amended by Senator Proud. Senator Proud, you may speak on your motion please.