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SENATOR PROUD: Well Mr. President, I know that there are others that want to speak and I am not putting up any motion there to cease debate because this is important, and if we have to take some time on it, then we have to take some time, and I was hoping that this wouldn't get into a political debate that we just have a discussion and if Senator Mahoney thought that he was wrong, he would withdraw and if I

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thought that I was wrong, I would withdraw. However, the issue has now been made that we have got to help the elderly, and I agree, I am for the bill we are talking about the amendment, whether we are going to set 10 cents as the fair or not. And Senator Waldron says that I will vote for anything to help the elderly. Well I am going to give you your opportunity gentlemen, because my amendment says that there is to be no cost to the elderly, and when it is all said and done and the smoke is cleared away then I will vote against any kind of amendment to this bill, if it means voting against my own amendment. I am making a point here and I am going to let the politicians, there is nothing wrong with being a politician, I happen to be one of them, there is nothing wrong with the politicians if they want to to stand up here and say that they are for the elderly. But now let's see how strongly they are for the elderly. Let's make it no cost at all and go from there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney is next to speak, before you speak Senator Whitney the Chair would like the prerogative please of introducing 23 students from Hunnington Fourth Grade here in Lincoln, Nebraska, Senator Barnett's district and Mrs. Skaar is the instructor and Mrs. Amend one of the mothers, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Thelander and we are delighted to have them here today to hear the debate on this very important issue. The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am certain that this is going to cost more than \$5,000 and if it does cost more than \$5,000 I understand that there should be a fiscal note to it. Now then as I understand this bill, if my little town of Chappell wishes to set up a transportation agency, they can do so and they can go 30 miles out in the country and pick up somebody that is over 65 years of age and it will be free transportation. That is the way I understand this amendment, and then apparently, we are going to have another amendment that the state will pay for it and so this amount of money involved is going to get into more than \$5,000 a year for the state and I feel that since the President of this body at the moment, Lt. Governor, has the right by the rules that if it is a bill that is substantially different than the original bill which it apparently is because the introducer of the bill, Senator Clark says that this amendment is going to kill his bill, he has got something there that he wants to solve a problem for the old people, he wants to do something for the old people and now we are having an amendment which is going to do something that I don't think this body wants to be done. I feel that if this amendment carries our Lt. Governor should recommit this to a committee, because it would be a substantially different bill so that we can discover what the costs are and then we have to have a fiscal note on this and an A-bill because it is going to cost more than \$5,000.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Chambers, and actually we have only before us Senator Chambers for debate the Proud amendment at this particular time and I know that you had asked to speak prior to the introduction of that amendment.