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and a vehicle. The point that I am trying to make in response to the Proud amendment and in response to the Carpenter amendment, is certainly that this is a problem that has a multiple facet to it and I think that it is time that we address the entire subject of finance of fares and certainly I think that if we do this piecemeal, we are going to be in trouble. The bill is in three committees, merely doing the same thing, many addressing the same subject. I would suppose to you Mr. President and to the members of this body that to some point in time, that it might be helpful to address ourselves to all of those bills on transportation that make it to the General File and advance that as a package.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Skarda. We are speaking still on just the Proud amendment.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, listen to me and you shall hear, my fine feathered friends. This morning I listened to Senator Mahoney with his violin, I listened to you all tooting your horns, you are about ready to get the lecture of the day from Senator Carpenter, and if you don't resolve this matter pretty soon, those kids in the balcony are going to be able to qualify. (laughter)

PRESIDENT: Thank you Senator Skarda. Senator Stahmer? Where are you, passing, very good. Senator Cavanaugh you are next. Very good. Well, I still have 2,4,6 lights on and everybody has spoken. Thank you. Senator Cavanaugh, for what purpose do you rise Senator Cavanaugh?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would move the question.

PRESIDENT: Oh thank you. Alright, the previous question has been called. Does the Chair see five hands? Thank you. The question is, shall the debate now close on the Proud amendment? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. You are voting on the motion to close debate on the Proud amendment. Motion is to close debate. Well have you all voted? Thank you, the Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays.

PRESIDENT: Very good, debate will now close. Senator Proud do you want to close on your motion please? Senator Proud is closing.

SENATOR PROUD: Well Mr. President, I think that the issue is now clear we are voting on an amendment to make the cost nothing and if that fails, which I predict it will, we will be voting on an amendment to make the cost 10 cents. I think that I have expressed myself rather clearly. Now I am in favor of letting this bill, and I think that some of the rest of you are, I don't know how many. I am in favor of advancing this bill in its original form as Senator Clark explained it. We are getting bogged down here with the original intent, in fact it crossed my mind that the Speaker has very few powers here, in fact they are almost non-existent but when he does have is when a bill, an amendment becomes non-germane, he can refer the bill back to the committee. I thought about doing that but somebody would accuse me of undue parliamentary procedures, which of course I would not be a party to. Therefore, since I am in favor and I think that a number of you are of advancing this bill in its pure form, I suggest that we vote down the Carpenter amendment and that we vote down the Proud amendment. I listened to you very carefully Senator Chambers. I am upset but not unduly but that you always get the ERA in here. I have got a thousand of letters in my file from women against the ERA. So I am for women forever. Therefore, my suggestion is that we solidly and absolutely vote down