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funding, you had no sympathy for Omaha when it came to that, but now since we do the paying and it is paid in our area, you are willing to take the money. In other words, we haven't got any reciprocity here at all. You get pretty grabby when some of you when we collect the money for your benefits, and where it is paid in our area for your benefit, but then if you don't have to pay anything, you force us to do certain things that cause our mill levy to go up, you have no tears for us whatsoever.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Syas, an airplane must have a point of departure and a destination. There must be two airports. There must be an Omaha airport so that I can fly into Grand Island to Omaha to spend my money and vice versa. Now Grand Island is in the same boat that Omaha is. We collect and send a lot more tax than we get back. It so happens that we are privileged in Grand Island to have an excellent facility that attracts aircraft. Omaha is in exactly the same point, you are privileged to have an airport that attracts aircrafts. Most of our communities do not.

SENATOR SYAS: That is right. So what I was dogtailing into was one short comment. Give Omaha some state fees for rapid transit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman, Senator Syas, us outstate senators will admit that 30 or 40% of the tax dollars is generated out of Omaha, but then you turn around and want to spend 60%, how do you account for that? I said that we admit that....

SENATOR SYAS: I can't hear in here frankly.

PRESIDENT: Let's get to order. First of all Senator Richendifer, you can ask somebody a question.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Alright I will ask Senator Syas a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas do you yield?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes if I can hear it.

PRESIDENT: Alright now.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: We admit that outstate you generate 40% of the total tax dollars in the state of Nebraska, but then you turn around and want to spend 60%. Now who is the loser?

SENATOR SYAS: We are lucky to get a dime.

PRESIDENT: Alright is there any further discussion on the amendments? Senator Nore do you have a question? That will be the only thing that I can allow you, you have had two turns on the bill.

SENATOR NORE: No I had one.

PRESIDENT: You passed on the second one.

SENATOR NORE: Oh you call that a strike out?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR NORE: I would like to ask Senator Syas a question if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Alright Senator Syas, here he comes, yes ask him the question.