

on out, and I pretty much have been doing that anyway, I'm going according to the lights up here, because various members do stand up and I know that Senator Carpenter is in the habit of standing up and being recognized and he is not the only one, but when a member pushes his light up here that is his order of preference, I'm going strictly by the lights from now on. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Would you read Senator Snyder's amendment?

CLERK: Read.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That is all that it does? When we get to that, I want a roll call vote on it.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter has requested a roll call vote. Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'm somewhat concerned...it was my interest and discussion with a number of people including Senator Fowler, and Senator Snyder at the time that the Urban Affairs Committee address itself not only to transportation needs in the city of Omaha but also state wide. I thought that there were a couple of reasonable options and one was to allow the cities to use the funds which they are duly entitled to under the census distribution of highway gas tax, in a matter in which they wanted too. My concern is that we are eliminating that and that is going to create a problem. If that is left in then that will make it more agreeable to us as far as what we are trying to do. I do believe with Senator Mahoney and Senator Carpenter that we need to provide elderly rides and I thought that we amended two or three bills to take care of that problem and I didn't think that we had a problem with 875. I thought that would move across there very nicely.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature, a question of Senator Snyder I guess. The new language in the original bill, that is mainly...I would like to make this suggestion Mr. President, this is a package of bills that were advanced without any discussion, right?

CLERK: No.

SENATOR DICKINSON: No?

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator Dickinson, it has been on General or Select File for I don't know at least three weeks I guess.

SENATOR DICKINSON: This one has? But still its the main provision to divert 25%, the....

SENATOR SNYDER: Not to divert, its an option to....if the city determines that it has a greater priorities for mass transit needs as opposed to highway construction, they would be allowed to use the money as they saw fit. Now the only thing that we are taking out in section two is the mandatory reduced fare for "Senior Citizens".

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you.

SENATOR SNYDER: Because the authority can do it now if they so desire.