

SPEAKER: Alright the question is, shall the bill, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: A record vote for political purposes.

SPEAKER: A record vote for political purposes. The so orders, Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Again a question of procedure. Has...I didn't take the time to explain the bill originally, and as the introducer don't I have the opportunity to say a few words in its behalf?

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder, what was that?

SENATOR SNYDER: It would seem to me that the procedure has been that on a kill motion the introducer of the bill has the opportunity prior to the kill motion vote to take up its defense.

SPEAKER: Did you have your light on?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes.

SPEAKER: Just a moment. Are you sure about that?

SENATOR SNYDER: I punched the thing....I was sitting here until these people got through.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder the Chair is going to rule, and the rule is of course that when a Senator has closed there is no further debate. However, I am sure that you are sincere and since you are the principle introducer it is only fair that you should be able to speak. Now when you finish and I'm going to limit that of course to the 10 minutes. I will allow Senator Skarda to close. I think that is fair, so go ahead.

SENATOR SNYDER: Very briefly Mr. President, it was mentioned here a moment ago that the City Council hasn't done its job that nobody talked to the Senators in the Unicameral and that may be. I had a resolution a year ago that called for my committee to make an interim study on mass transportation. This is a new area and it is a complex area. We have done what we could with limited facilities and limited man power etc. I think that the committee has done a fair job, and I'm proud of the committee's work in this area. Lets say this about the city of Omaha. I personally felt that the city hadn't done an adequate job of emphasizing mass transit, and therefore I attempted in my final year of the legislature to provide a means to help the transit authority in Omaha more adequately serve the citizens of that area. Now we have heard a lot of debate this morning on this, and I'm not going to ride and ride this thing. I don't have to face the voters again this year not at all. In my opinion the administration of the city of Omaha and the administration of the transit authority up there has supported this measure throughout. Now if the Omaha Senators want to kill the bill, of course that is their prerogative. Lets not stand up and say that Senator Snyder is trying to sock the tax payers for 2 million dollars. Senator Snyder is merely trying to provide an emphasis for mass transit over some of the other projects that have gone on in that city. This is now no great thing to me, in fact I think that it is needed. Again I'm not campaigning. I don't have to go back and explain to voters