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reason to raise this particular bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think I can answer Senator George's concerns. Senator George, Senator Schmit, I think Senator Kremer can't make some commitments to you but I can and that specifically is this. There was a vote taken on 507. There were four votes to advance as amended and then there were three votes, I believe, to kill. I was one of those that was a vote to kill, however, I have since taken a look at the matter and I have made a commitment to several people including Senator Kremer and Senator Cullan that I would support 507 in its advancement so I think that you can count on the five votes in the committee because I make that commitment to you at this time unless one of the other four votes decides to change. From what I can tell they haven't. So taking a look at the amendments that have been proposed and the way that 508 and 507 and provides what I think the best solution to the problem of railroad revitalization in the state. I support that and I will support the bill and move to advance it to the floor.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, colleagues, I really think that if we bring this 508 up we probably ought to bring up 270 also, the coal slurry. These things seem to be two interrelated bills. What we were told in the coal slurry that if they got to haul all the coal that is where they got all their money for their branch lines. Now they are going to upgrade all these branch lines if we let them haul all the coal but we have killed the coal slurry bill so really I think if we want them both up we ought to get them both up at the same time because if they are going to haul the coal, they are going to improve the branch lines and they certainly don't need state money for branch lines. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I guess I really don't care which one of these bills comes up but I think the idea of bringing up 508 is to put pressure on some of us to at least get 507 up but I would just like to list some of the problems that we