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I am concerned as to why you changed your mind. I think you had the right idea and a good idea and I am concerned that you haven't followed through on it. So would you do that? Would you agree then to present your amendment after we adopt Senator Cullan's amendment to make that shift from local to railroad rather than local to state?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Dworak, I can appreciate your support and I thank for you for that proposal. I cannot, however, continue with that amendment because as I was saying with the money that we are sitting on in the State of Nebraska right now, we wouldn't have to raise another cent from state tax dollars because we have so much in federal money just laying there in that fund that ought to be used to improve railroad crossing safety. Now we are going to keep the railroad percentage the same, at ten percent, and I think I would have liked to see it increased to fifteen percent, but under the circumstances, it seems to me that it would be counterproductive, and so if you still believe that that is a good step to take, and I can understand fundamentally and philosophically that it is a reasonable thing to do, I still think practically in the situation we are in in the State of Nebraska that it would be better to go with what Senator Cullan has already proposed.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I support Senator Sullan's amendment and I will be putting an amendment on the desk to it to switch the funds from local to railroad rather than local to state.

SENATOR MARSH: We are now ready and will vote on the Cullan amendment. Senator Marsh voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Marsh voting aye.

SENATOR MARSH: It takes 25 votes to adopt the amendment. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Cullan's amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: The amendment is adopted. Senator Wesely.

CLERK: First of all, Senator Wesely had amendments pending. Senator Wesely, are you going to withdraw your amendments, sir, on page 954?

SENATOR WESELY: I think under the circumstances just to expedite the process, I am not going to withdraw my amend-