

the Dworak amendment, but before I do I would like to ask Senator Cullan a question.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you yield?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Cullan, would you repeat for me the money that is in the Railroad Grade Crossing Fund at this time? You mentioned it and I didn't jot it down. In the Railroad Crossing Fund, grade crossing.

SENATOR CULLAN: Well, Senator Kremer, my tablet must have evaporated but I will give you an estimate. As I recall, it was something, there was 1.7 million dollars or in excess of 1.7 million dollars in the fund now. They have about \$300,000 obligation so there is about 1.4 to 1.5 million dollars in the fund now. There is in excess of 5 million dollars of federal funds available in the State of Nebraska that are uncommitted and there is 3.4 million dollars, and this is from memory, so that may not be exact but very close, 3.4 million dollars that will come to the State of Nebraska each year for the next three years in addition to the 5 million dollars that is uncommitted right now.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cullan. Senator Dworak, I am not necessarily opposed to what you are trying to do except I am at this time. Yesterday on this floor, we discussed the railroad ability to revitalize their tracks and how they are needed and how many of them do not have the money, take for example, Rock Island that evidently is in serious trouble financially to build up their tracks. They are having accidents and they cost them a tremendous amount of money, and with the funds that are in our Grade Crossing Fund now, I think we can go along with this at least for a year or two, and then in another year or two if we do run out of money that is there and we deplete that fund, we can well come back and do something about it then. But now I would like to see the railroads use the money that they have to build up their tracks and get them in shape so that they can take care of the trade that comes to them. So I do oppose the Dworak amendment for that reason, not necessarily the philosophy of it but at this time I will oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I will bet you think I am going to support the amendment because it makes the railroads