

here and we can develop additional incentives, sanctions, penalties, whatever you want, to ensure that it doesn't become a problem. At the present time it isn't. They have recognized it's to their advantage to maintain them to avoid additional liability.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, let's say they would maintain them. The other thing, I guess, really probably doesn't have too much to do with the amendment, but what happens when the state's money is gone? Where do we get the rest of it? You're talking about that several million dollars that's burning a hole in our pocket now that we want to spend, how are we going to finance the signals? Now, that's not going to build very many signals. You know that, Senator DeCamp. A couple million dollars will be gone before you know what happened, and where do we get the rest of the money then?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, additional money comes into that fund every year. Now what the exact amounts are, what the federal match, and so on and so forth, I think Senator Cullan has a deeper knowledge of that than I. My argument is this money is to build these. We aren't utilizing it. The cost of these crossings is going up. Let's get, whether it's thirty or forty, or whatever, built now and see what our needs are for the future.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well I guess my concern is that we don't want to kill the goose that laid the golden egg and fry the eggs, and then be through. I think that we need to be sure that there's an income here, and I hesitate a little bit about letting the railroads off, but if the railroads weren't there, you wouldn't need the crossing, let's don't forget that.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator DeCamp a question and then Senator Cullan. Senator DeCamp...

PRESIDENT: Which one? Senator DeCamp, will you respond?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Sure.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator DeCamp, this sounded like...to me like a heck of a fine compromise until I realized that the railroads are to be maintaining these crossings right now. Are they not?