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degree, and that's all that remains in this bill, a very small degree, should help construct these railroad crossings. Now you know, there's been a lot of arguments... some railroads can afford to pay, and some railroads can't afford to pay, and that may well be true. I'm not going to deny that, or even have grave questions about that, but to say that we're not going to make those railroads that are going to pay, or able to pay, pay and then also say that the railroads that may not be able to afford to pay, you know, we can't really mandate to make sure that they pay, well I think that that is...that's a mistake that we ought to ask the railroads to contribute, that small construction costs are minimal, and they ought to pay and maintain those railroads...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...and for that reason, and for that reason, you know, I stand in opposition to the DeCamp-Cullan compromise. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be very short. I want to ask either DeCamp or Cullan, and I don't care which one answers...what kind of devices are we talking about?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to respond first?

SENATOR DeCAMP: The devices would be dependent upon the particular crossing. In the case of northeast Nebraska, some of the small communities, we're talking primarily about the ding..ding..ring..ring..flash..flash bar that goes up and down. What other devices there are, I am not an expert on railroad crossing devices, but that's what they're talking about in my area.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay, what are you going to do about the blacktop road that crosses where the...that crosses the railroad track, who's going to maintain that?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, we're getting into very complicated mechanics of maintenance and I guess I'm not an expert. Maybe Senator Cullan is an expert on railroad maintenance since he has so many in his area.

SENATOR KEYES: I just want to find out because on certain railroads I can get something done and on others I can't