

think they can pay just a little bit to help on this especially when we have let them out of everything else? I would like to read just a few words from some of the official reports... Am I out of time?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, you have got a minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, the reports I have handed out, you can read them. With one minute, I'm obviously not going to get them read but just to the farmer who is in a hurry to get something for his business, the person whose home is on fire while the fire truck waits for a train, a person dying in an ambulance during the wait for a train, the businessman who misses the important meeting or a call, to anyone of a thousand situations and every day experience along a rail line, the problems of waiting are real and are going to be much more pronounced, not my words, the railroad's and the federal government's words on what is going to happen. I have just taken two pages out of about a two hundred page document. We have got a problem coming. Let's start solving it now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan and then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of Senator DeCamp's amendments. I think Senator DeCamp is sincere in wanting to do something to insure that we do have the funds to build the rail safety devices and to build the overpasses and underpasses that we will need in this state in the future and I, too, along with Senator DeCamp, feel that the railroads have a responsibility and an obligation to help pay for the, partially, for the cost of building those projects and I know in Alliance we need two if not three more overpasses and that is going to be an expensive thing for the City of Alliance, for the state government and for the federal government and I think the railroads should bear some of the cost. The reason I like Senator DeCamp's approach is that people who will be paying this freight tax are all people who use the railroads including people who have coal or are receiving coal in Arkansas or Louisiana or Chicago or anywhere else. It won't necessarily be just Nebraskans and so I think we are spreading this burden beyond the State of Nebraska because the problem goes beyond the State of Nebraska so I support Senator DeCamp's approach. I had opposed previous attempts of Senator DeCamp on this type of thing because I thought it was unconstitutional and the staff that I had visited with from the Legislature, letters we had received from the