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they did not update traffic density information.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Right. Can you help me on one more thing? Do you know how soon...?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, I am going to let this go one more time but we are involved in the discussion of LB 42. You gentlemen have laid your background on 103 and 105. If you have one more question on it, fine. Then please get back to the subject because we have about eight additional speakers.

SENATOR DeCAMP: This really is the subject, Mr. President, because do you know how soon this rerouting of traffic might occur which, of course, would increase the trains through their territory, not my territory, but the other people's territory? Do you know how soon this might occur?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, I don't, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you for bringing us back to the subject supposedly under discussion. I want to concur first of all with Senator Clark, in our usual false premise that you can tax a corporation. I don't care what corporation it is you are not about to tax it. You are going to tax some other citizen, some other place. Now this idea of Senator DeCamp's, of course, did not originate with John. It originated with the State of Louisiana and it was in the papers quite extensively about six weeks ago when they elected that they would tax the throughput of gas through their states to Nebraska. So Nebraska now is going to tax on a throughput through this state to other states and Michigan, when you start doing that is going to start putting a tax on ton mile hauling of vehicles and Ohio and all the other intervening states are going to do likewise. Kansas, Missouri, will all be retaliating with taxes on your pipeline transmissions without which you are going to suffer considerable economic difficulty and the fact of the matter is we, as a small state are going to come out so far behind in this game of tax somebody else for my benefit, that it is just unthinkable that we would proceed along this line. We are in no position to thunderously tax other states because everything that passes through those states would be subject to a similar tax. Let's don't get involved in this kind of