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else except scare the devil out of Keyes I think it is worth while.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Would you like to repeat what you just said?

SENATOR KREMER: No, sir. That was in the spirit of levity of course. I think, Mr. Chairman, the hour is getting late and the only thing I would like to say, what we are trying to do here perhaps is not perfect. All of us are aware that generally if there is a movement on the part of the railroad to abandon a spur line they get their way and they are going to do it. Now if in any way local interests can be of any encouragement to them by participating in a plan where they might save that railroad, it is going to be of tremendous value to that local area. I think it has been made clear that the cost to move grain for example, by any other means, is quite meaningful. It costs from fifteen to twenty cents a bushel, not only to the grain shipper but to the operation of the local lumber yard and anything that uses any...any business that uses the railroad quite extensively could gain tremendously by this and all we are saying, we are giving them a mechanism whereby they can work with the railroads. I share the same concern that Senator Warner shares and Senator Vickers but I think we are only here authorizing through legislation the working of an idea that has worked in some places and we think it could work in Nebraska. This issue before us today is very real and it is going to affect the economy of this country, of this state of ours. I feel it is worth giving a trial. I have been informed that there may be another amendment or two needs to be adopted and I am willing to do it at the Select File level that would further clean this up to make sure that this corporation that would be formed at the local level will in no way obligate them to operate that railroad unless they want to buy the railroad outland. And we are not dealing with the governmental subdivision. We were told by the Attorney General this would not be constitutional. We are dealing with a corporation that would be formed of local...by and of local interests. I move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 507 to E & R for review. Senator Kremer has closed. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the motion to advance LB 507 to E & R for Review. Have you all voted? We are voting on advancing the bill. Have you all voted? The motion is to advance the bill. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Do you have items to read in?

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