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CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Hoagland now moves to amend the bill. Would you like me to read the amendment, Senator? Senator Hoagland moves to amend the Kremer amendments on page 1167 of the Journal as follows: (Read Hoagland amendment.) (See page 847, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the amendments that Mr. O'Donnell has just read are very simple. It is very clear what these amendments are intended to do. They amend the bill in three separate places, three separate areas, to make it absolutely clear that under no circumstances is this act ever to obligate state funds for railroad revitalization projects, either through the bonding provisions, through the revenue that can be spent by the statewide council, through the revenue that can be spent by any local council, or through any obligations or commitments made either by the statewide council or by any of the regional councils. Again, it is to make it absolutely clear that we will never have general fund requests in the Appropriations Committee to appropriate funds that will go directly into revitalizing railroads, and I would ask this body adopt those amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator Hoagland two or three questions. Senator Hoagland, you are aware that the bill itself does provide that state funds can be appropriated for administrative purposes?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Does your amendment touch that?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, it does not intend to affect the kind of state aid that can go to the regional organizations, Senator Kremer, to help in an organization and so forth.

SENATOR KREMER: And your amendment merely specifies these funds, state funds, so to speak, shall in no way be used for actual reconstruction or maintenance or anything of that nature, but state funds could be appropriated if the Appropriations Committee and the Legislature would so indicate for administrative purpose and organization?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.