

April 9, 1980

LB 722

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases. Senator Landis, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: I would be happy to close and let me just say that in answer to Senator Hefner's question with some clarification that I...looking through the bill and asking some questions, the money for these kinds of programs which will be approved in the future, they don't...they are not approved now, but they will be approved in the future...in other words, that is what we are doing, we are authorizing new applications in a new way, will come out of the allocation fund. The one cent that we just passed is not in the allocation fund. The two percent of 722 goes to a cash fund and not into the allocation fund. The allocation fund now is funded by the ten and a half cents and that is where the money will be drawn from. Let me just say that I think that the reason I offer this language is not because I am dissatisfied with the language that is in 722. I just think it is the superior public policy on public transportation that committee action programs in rural Nebraska have the opportunity to apply for and receive state assistance to operate handy buses, such as the senior programs in the number of counties that currently exist. The difficulty has been that counties have been unwilling to do that on their own, that cities have been unwilling to do that on their own. They have been unwilling to delegate the authority to others, and the committee action programs, the people who are out there who are willing to do this program, willing to undertake the mass transit obligations, willing to take seniors and handicapped people in buses around their areas and to different shopping locales and the like, but they are unable because of existing law to apply for reimbursement for their operating expenses from the Nebraska Public Transportation Fund, and although I am an urban senator, I feel that in this case the better policy for the State of Nebraska is to allow broader application of the Nebraska Public Transportation Fund to rural areas and to community action programs throughout the state and I hope that you will support my amendment to LB 722.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Landis amendment to 722. All those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting on the Landis amendment to LB 722. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Let's have a Call of the House and a roll

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