

SENATOR SCHMIT: . . . to pay the ton mile tax enroute to the west coast is not going to bother me, the producer of grain. I do not think that it would bother the people who are the consumers of the coal in the east. The bill may well pass. But, I suggest to you that it will not be the last you hear of it because the problem will not go away and there will be many cities coming to this Legislature asking for relief because of the fact that they do not have the tax base to build the overpasses that are going to have to be built.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for a technical amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Close, Mr. President?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, you are closing.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, you know I really feel like I am behind the eight ball. . . .

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I really feel like I am a little bit behind the eight ball. Let me explain why. You know there is no other state in the United States that was ever able to pass a ton mile tax. There is no other state in the United States that has a train mile tax. There is no other state in the United States even taxing railroads in this area to attempt to build overpasses. So, I guess I feel a little bit funny when you say "cowering to the railroads". Holy mackrel, I'm trying to raise a couple of million dollars a year at least for openers to start building the overpasses and they crawl all over me because I am not raising enough. I guess the smart thing would have been to do nothing and use that same old refrain that you always have heard about the federal government will do it. Senator Schmit raised the question, well Johnny, can he promise you that the federal government is going to give us additional money. I can't promise you anything about the federal government. In fact, on the Vet School about the only thing that I can promise you is that you probably won't get that money. You probably won't get that money. There is no indication that after 1982 that there is going to be a magic pot there either the way things are going. We may have to look at it in a year with our two million and figure how we are going to raise more. Holy mackrel lets at least start, lets do something. That is what the bill tries to do. So I urge you to adopt the amendment and advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the technical