

to work. But he is standing and saying that if we don't give them this money, it is going to collapse. I doubt that. If it is worth its salt, and if it is doing its job, they can increase the fare, they can find the money if they want to. Now look at the number of vehicles that this fund has in it. For example, there are a total of 387 vehicles in the whole program. Outside of Omaha and Lincoln there are 107, in Omaha and Lincoln 280. So who is footing the freight? Now they say just give us this. Pretty soon we are going to have somebody say just give us this and then the whole thing is going to blow. Now I just happened to notice, now maybe it doesn't have anything to do with it, but I just happened to notice that the City of Omaha is going to have a 1.6 million dollar decrease in the cost of hauling their trash. Now that isn't going to increase taxes. That is going to lower taxes. So you can't use that argument because they are making more money than they ever made before in other fields and they can use that money to lower taxes. Lincoln can't use the excuse because they just got an increase in their sales tax that they can use to decrease taxes, that people from outstate of Lincoln are going to pay a good share of. So I ask you do not return this for this amendment. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb. Senator Howard Lamb, are you available for...

SENATOR LAMB: (No response).

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak on the Chizek...

SENATOR DECAMP: (inaudible).

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Warner, do you wish to speak on the Chizek motion? Turn it back to you Senator Lamb, do you wish to speak on the Chizek motion?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I thought we had debated this bill long enough, but evidently not. You know we all have programs in there that we don't like to have cut.

PRESIDENT: May we have order please. (GAVEL)

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you Mr. President. We all have