

yesterday, it was never raised. But it is an important issue, and I'm sure if Senator Lamb can worry about the herds of sheep in his district, I've got to worry about the flocks of 40 at a time that ride the buses in mine. To be completely frank of the 1.3 million in this proposal that will effect the Omaha metropolitan area, about a million dollars of it is provided for special transportation programs for the elderly and for the handicapped. I'm not sure where that will come from, and maybe as Senator Warner said, it probably should or could come from the city, but there is no guarantee that that will happen. I think in fact there is an obligation on the state's part to help provide some of these kinds of programs. It is easy to shift responsibilities by saying they ought to be able to afford it. Look what we have done for them in the first place. I'll tell you what we have done for them in the first place, counties in particular are creatures of the Legislature, they can do no more or nor less than what we allow, permit and mandate that they do. We tell them that they will provide eleven basic services, people are elected to provide those services and we levy whatever property taxes it takes to provide those services. If we are so benevolent, then maybe we ought to just take over the whole operation like they did in Connecticut and have it all state costs at the state level and do away with local governments. It is more of an excuse, not a reason as was used to suggest that they ought to be able to afford it. I don't know of any trades and I wasn't by the way involved in the meeting back here either. Being perfectly frank, Rod Johnson and I were playing gin rummy in his office while the meeting was going on back here. So I wasn't involved. But, I think this is a reasonable request. I'm sorry we have to talk about it. I think it is a fair consideration and I hope you would approve of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak again? He calls the question. Do I see five seconding hands? I see five seconding hands and I'll put the question to you. Shall the debate cease on the Chizek motion? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to cease debate on the motion by Senator Chizek to amend LB 722. Please record your vote. The motion is to cease debate. Record your vote if you wish to vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate Mr. President.