

funding from the federal government is going to really effect Metro Area Transit, and then if the state comes in and eliminates the funding we are going to be in a lot of trouble. I don't know too much about Lincoln, but I do know in Omaha we have been struggling along, we have the MOBY system where we pick up the elderly, they rely on...the elderly handicapped, they rely on that. We do have a lower bus fare for the elderly because of course they have to use the buses and then we can not forget the students. There are a lot of students that have to go a distance, not only to college but to high school and it will effect them too because I am afraid the fares for them will be also increased. I'm afraid that there are going to be a lot of routes that will be eliminated and this is unfortunate because we go now into the neighborhoods and even then you have to walk blocks to catch a bus.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I urge you to restore the funding of the Metro Area Transit. They have just a little fraction that they can raise property taxes and then they are at the cap. They can not get funds any other place and the federal government has threatened, they are going to go through with it I'm sure and delete all funding for municipalities for metro area transit money and I just can't see the City of Omaha getting along without state funds and federal funds. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (CAVEL) May we have order please. The motion is to return LB 722 to Select File for a specific amendment offered by Senator Chizek. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please vote on the motion to return LB 722 to Select File for a specific amendment that has been under discussion offered by Senator Chizek. Please record the vote if you wish to return LB 722 for a specific amendment. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Chizek, do you have any wishes?

SENATOR CHIZEK: How many are excused Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Two members are excused.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Call of the house and roll call.

PRESIDENT: The question is now before you, shall the house