

are a lot of other things going on with the Public Service Commission and I don't believe the policy...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and the controversy is here. And, Senator Withem, quite frankly, I didn't come talk to you before I put the amendment on. Others did, I understand that, and you and I probably should have a conversation that I...that probably I'm remiss in. But to be truthful with you, if you were to ask me, is there any controversy? My response would have been, no, I don't think there can be any controversy in something like this. And to the extent that I think a person has created that, I don't want to mislead the body. There is one person who is upset about this, for sure, and to that extent, you know, as with any issue, if that's what...it only takes one person to cause a controversy. I'm just telling you I don't know that that is a legitimate one at this point. The Public Service Commission hasn't been over to me, beating on my door, saying we've got to have a member on this. In fact, they've opened up a docket to study these crossing issues on their own. I know there's been discussions that eventually they may let those things go over to the Department of Roads. I don't know if that's final but there's been some discussion about that. But I, members, I don't want to take any more time. I think that you've fairly got a policy choice here...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...to make. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, I'm going to be brief. I think that we should vote on Senator Withem's proposal, so I'm not intending to hold this up. I might note that Senator Withem is proposing that one more person be added to this commission. I have spoken with Senator Kristensen before about the possible need for having an additional slot on the board, but Senator Kristensen and I have discussed it. I didn't bring an amendment but you will notice that the board doesn't include anybody who is really directly affected by the blocking of crossings, i.e., the property owners who have to get from one side of the tracks to the other in order to service their property. When I spoke