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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...it relates. I would hate to take a severe situation and try to make it even worse with some assumptions and other statements that I think are unrelated. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 857, LB 858E, LB 859, and LB 860. Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Banking reports LB 888 indefinitely postponed. Senator Thompson, an amendment to LB 1073 to be printed. Priority bill designation: Senator Landis, as Banking Chair, has selected LB 1139 as the Banking Committee priority. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 611.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thanks, Mr. Clerk. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, whose going to blow the whistle? If we have a one-man crew, who's going to blow the whistle? Senator Pederson, you have a lot of...a lot of trains coming through North Platte, probably just have as...about as many come through my district, all the way through Dodge County. And they're heavy, heavy, fast-moving trains. Now let me tell you something. While the railroads provide a lot of economic growth in...in my district alone, a lot of people that live in Dodge County work for the Union Pacific Railroad and the Burlington Railroad and I realize that, we also have some of the most dangerous crossings in the state of Nebraska. The city of Fremont, most of the...most of the heavy industry is on one side of the tracks and the residential areas are on the opposite side, and you know what that means. We don't have enough overpasses, which is, I would imagine, a city problem or a state problem. But we do have a lot of accidents. There hasn't...this last year I believe was one of the...one of the lowest numbers we had in quite some time. I hate to...I hate to go against an industry that...that provides so many benefits to