

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB47**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 24, 2011  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Fischer  
**One Liner:** Include certain third parties as railroad carriers

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh,  
Louden, Price  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Dusty Vaughan  
Tim Schram  
Brian Thompson

**Representing:**

Introducing for Sen. Fischer  
Public Service Commission  
Consolidated Companies, Inc and NTA

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Roberto Munguia  
Brenda Mainwaring

**Representing:**

BNSF Railway Co.  
Union Pacific Railroad

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 47 includes 3rd party contractors of railroads in the provisions of a wireline crossing agreement process. The bill amends Sec.86-164 to state that the telecommunications carrier shall pay the railroad, owner, manager, agent, or representative of the railroad carrier the standard crossing fee when placing a line or wire across the railroad right-of-way.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment, AM 109, adds an Emergency Clause to the bill.

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Deb Fischer, Chairperson