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federal dollars and we want to proceed with this program full steam. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Dworak's amendment. It is always amazing to me when I read the newspapers that the railroads are going to add more cars, build more cars, renovate more cars, reconstruct their tracks, improve their tracks, then all of a sudden we pick up the newspapers and find we don't have enough cars to haul the fertilizer to the places we need it in terms of what are ag related businesses. The same thing with the signals. I have gone through it as a city councilman. You have to bring out virtually the National Guard, and that isn't even too effective, to try to get a signal crossing when everything demonstrates, traffic and everything else safety, that there should be indeed be that signal there. In the city in which I live it took us over three years to get a signal there. Yet the number of accidents and the near fatalities were almost unbelievable, but the time you go through the bureaucracy of a railroad that is almost an impossible task, and since we are now trying to put additional little cost on here I do not believe that it will seriously affect the branch lines but could definitely improve the safety factors on the major lines and that is what we are really talking about. I don't agree with Senator DeCamp that this would handicap the Chicago Northwestern or whatever railroad he is concerned about and I would advise you also a few years ago the Union Pacific and several others wanted to merge with some of those railroads that showed signs of being weak and unable to finance themselves but that merger was never brought about. So I suggest to you Senator Dworak's amendment is reasonable and it is proper and I agree with Senator Wesely and Senator Cullan and others, it is time this body takes a good look at the Highway Department, the railroads and others on how they are using money or not using it when it appears there is ample money there to take care of those known needs. I support the Dworak amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to the Dworak amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I do. I just have a question of Senator Cullan, if he would yield.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.