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that we need because if LB 42 is passed evidently we can count on the State Department of Roads to take some positive steps to deal with those problems and force some action and I think that we ought to place the responsibility where the problem has originated and that is with the railroads and so I approve of the Dworak amendment and I hope that you all will vote for it and I thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to talk to the Dworak amendment or the bill as a whole?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I support the Dworak amendment. I think that it is time that we did do something in this area but I just want to suggest that unless we do something really substantial we are not going to have too many railroad crossings to worry about because the branch lines will all be taken up and those other lines are going to go straight east and west across the state. It will be a solid string of coal cars anyway and you are going to be sitting at a dead stop. So it won't make much difference what shape those crossings are in because you are going to be going across there at about three miles an hour. So while it is not really substantial enough, I think it is a good step in the right direction. I hope you adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, your light was on but I thought you wanted to talk to the bill as a whole.

SENATOR KEYES: I changed my mind. I want to ask Senator Dworak a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Dworak, do you yield?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Dworak, if we come up to the point now where the state is going to tell the railroad they have to fix this crossing, is that right?

SENATOR DWORAK: We are not changing that at all. It is the same thing as the Cullan bill and has nothing to do with this amendment, Senator Keyes, but the Cullan bill doesn't change that.

SENATOR KEYES: Which one changes (interruption)?

SENATOR DWORAK: I am sorry. You will have to ask Senator Cullan that. That's on the bill, Senator Keyes. I am sorry.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Cullan, will this be now the state