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LB 42

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I listened very carefully to the explanation and Senator Cullan has spent a lot of hours of work on these several railroad bills and the only misgiving he has now this morning is the possibility of one or two slight technical amendments. I think this railroad crossing piece of legislation is one of the absolute bright spots of this legislative session and I commend Senator Cullan for bringing that to us and I would like to see this bill passed. I don't think Senator Cullan has given us any real grave reasons or any strong arguments to lay this bill over. I don't know why he has had a change of heart on this specific bill at this time. I think what is at stake with the safety of the citizens of the State of Nebraska with railroad crossings and that is what is at stake, to hold that up and delay that another year because of a couple technical amendments, I am not going to be a part of that. I am going to vote to pass LB 42 in its present form. I have enough confidence in the ability and the work Senator Cullan has spent on this bill and Senator DeCamp, that I think it is in the form that, and a good form, and I think the rest of this body ought to think very carefully before we slow up the passage of LB 42.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues, this bill has been studied, compromised, discussed. It has been worked out. I think that this is a charade on the part of the railroads to postpone this so that they don't have to help the people with their railroad crossings. The money is there. The bill is ready to be passed and I strongly object to a maneuver like this as Senator Cullan, to try to kill this bill and put it off. So I would urge you to support and let's vote on and pass LB 42.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I most vigorously object to having the bill laid over. The bill has all ready been amended, reamended and advanced, returned and readvanced. We now have four Final Reading copies in our book. I really don't know how much that has cost this state all ready but certainly it would be an injustice to all of the people who have worked on the bill, to lay it over for another year. I think it has been a bill that has had a very tortuous, a very long and tortuous travel through this body and to lay it over is merely to