

crew member of the train." This particular amendment came to me from the railroad engineers association, Mr. Jim Moeller, who lobbies in their behalf. He indicated that sometimes these individuals if they are involved in an accident, this accident, and perhaps in some cases local police officers will give these individuals a citation. That eventually ends up on their driver's record and of course winds up affecting their insurance rates and so forth and an engineer driving or operating a train should not obviously. . . motor vehicle statutes are not intended to apply to this individual. So that is the purpose of the amendment and it comes to us simply from the railroad engineers. So I would urge you to adopt it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Cullan amendment to LB 437. Senator Cullan, will you turn your light off if you are through. Senator Wesely, are you through? Do you want to be recognized again? Senator Landis? Okay, Senator Landis, you go ahead and then we will come back to Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I support the Cullan amendment. I was apprised of it. This bill went through the Urban Affairs Committee. It deals with the speed limit ordinances that cities pass and the kind of notice that should be given to the railroads. This language is word-for-word language that appears in other state statutes, specifically Iowa, and it indicates that when there is a train-car accident, that the train's engineer not have some kind of citation that then counts against his driver's license for his motor vehicle. That is...it is just a clarification for that purpose. It is common in other states and I see no problem with attaching it to 437. I support the Cullan amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you want to turn your light off. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I also was apprised of this amendment and find it to be totally in need of support. It is a very good amendment and the situation that we now have is so silly, it is ludicrous, I think it is a good laugh when a situation comes up where a train engineer, the train speeds or something and he gets a personal ticket for that situation, it just doesn't make any sense at all. This amendment is certainly a wise one. I don't know how it got in the statutes in the first place.