

also be carrying these same hazardous materials?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I assume that would be correct. And, of course, they would be included in...

SENATOR HIGGINS: And that is why you want to put them back into this?

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, I want common carriers included in order to even get railroads covered. Railroads wouldn't be covered without the common carrier language.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I see.

SENATOR VICKERS: Railroads as well as other forms of transportation, including trucks. Railroads are not covered...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Aren't they covered right now under OSHA?

SENATOR VICKERS: They are supposedly covered, as I indicated, under some regulations from the federal government and what I am saying to you, Senator Higgins, is that my intention is to bracket this bill until January to find out exactly what the federal regulations are so that our regulations will be no more stringent than the federal regulations...

SENATOR HIGGINS: So all you...

SENATOR VICKERS: ...but the problem is we do not seem to be having much of an enforcement in this state on those federal regulations. That is the reason we have the weigh bill as I have in that packet you have got.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Oh, Senator Vickers, that is nothing new. When my husband worked at the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, I had to write a letter to Senator Edward Zorinsky just to get the federal penitentiary to fix an elevator with an open shaft where they had nothing but the hardest of criminals that could walk by any time and push somebody through it. I don't think OSHA applies their own rules and regulations to federal agencies. You have to get somebody powerful in Washington, I think, to get OSHA to do anything.