

SENATOR VICKERS: What we are attempting to do with the bill, Senator Beyer, is to not...you will notice it also does not put any specific regulations in the bill. The regulations that it refers to are federal regulations and I think that is the section that the committee amendments are also amending. The purpose is to use the federal regulations and that is the reason I want to bracket the bill and wait and find out exactly what those regulations are by next January and then have mechanisms to enforce equal to those federal regulations without specifying any particular regulation in the bill itself.

SENATOR BEYER: What is wrong with bracketing the bill where it right now? Because I think there are some amendments that probably could come in that would address your concerns, but I don't think they are addressed in that bill as it is written.

SENATOR VICKERS: I guess I would ask you, what is the difference whether it is on Select File or General File if the introducer, himself, asks to bracket it and promises not to bring it up till January?

SENATOR BEYER: Well, it's just one more...

SENATOR VICKERS: You and I both know...you and I have both been around here long enough we know the reason, the reason is because it takes less votes to kill it on General File next year and if Business comes in and wants it killed even though we are not making it any more stringent, I want to protect it just a little bit more. I am making the pledge now and you can get the transcript of this next year and use it that we will not make it any more stringent nor will we even promote the bill. I will offer to kill the bill myself next year if the federal government says this area is totally preempted and we can't do anything.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, I think there are some good things in the bill that probably need to be addressed which are already addressed as far as the common carriers are concerned and there again I can only speak for the trucking industry but I know what we have had to go through and I would believe that the railroads have to go through the same thing. Of course, I am at odds with them most of the time, as you well know, so that is the situation. I think if anybody thought that the bill you have got is bad, there