

the people who are affected by this situation. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of LR 268. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of LR 268.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LR 268 is adopted. LR 273, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 273 offered by a number of the members is found on page 2340 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, are you going to take this one? All right. Let's hold it down so we can hear the speakers. Thank you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this resolution is one that simply asks the railroad industry in this state to refrain from running the two, two and a half mile long trains that have been bothering, holding up the travelling public at the crossings of this state. There are a lot of communities in this state that depend on their ability to get from one side of town to the other. As a matter of fact my own home community depends on getting across a major rail line in order to get a hospital. As a consequence the emergency unit has some real concern about these extremely long trains due to the fact that our laws require the crossing to not be blocked more than a specified period of time. This resolution asks for those laws to be enforced and for the city ordinances to be enforced against those blockages of those crossings for those extremely long periods of time. The other thing that I would like to mention because there was an incident here in Lincoln of an extremely long train that had a breakdown and as a consequence blocked the track...the crossings for a period of quite a long time, that whenever you put that much more length on the trains without increasing the size of the couplings and so forth that they are coupled with, obviously you are going to have more of an increase in those kinds of breakdowns. Anybody that has ever pulled anything with a log chain knows that the more weight you put behind the better the log chain you better have. It occurs to me that this resolution that simply respectfully requests the railroad industry to think long and hard before they use