

Then Senator Chambers. You don't wish to speak, Senator Pappas?

SENATOR PAPPAS: No.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I only have a couple of questions I would like to ask Senator Hannibal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal would respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hannibal, would you yield to a question or two?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Certainly, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they will be very forthright and direct. Who compiled the evidence regarding the safety factors that you were discussing?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: You have a handout in your book there that will show you some safety...in front of you, that will show you the safety factors. FRA, the National Railroad Labor Conference, the President's task force review had some. If you would be willing to look at the last page of your handout, the very last page of your handout...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll take your word for it. I just got in and I don't want to delay, so I'm just asking. Was the railroad sponsored...(interruption)

SENATOR HANNIBAL: To answer your question, it would have to be from the railroad operations people, that is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, now when you said that the national union had agreed through negotiation to give up the caboose, are you aware of local unions that have agreed to do that?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, obviously the local union in the...the UTU in the State of Nebraska has been against giving this up, that is correct, although they were a part of the national UTU and did become a part of the national union agreement.