

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

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SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, it probably doesn't come as any surprise to you that I am opposed to LB 807 since I was one of the co-sponsors of the bill a few years ago that LB 807 would repeal. I'd like to visit with you just a little bit about the issue. First of all, and it's a difficult issue for all of us to have to deal with, but nobody ever promised us a rose garden, I guess. It's an issue that is hard to prove one way or the other, but we attempted a few years ago to keep it on the issue of what is good for the general public in the State of Nebraska and I hope we can keep that the issue here this afternoon. It's not a matter of whether or not you like management or whether or not you like the union or the labor or whether you are influenced by the lobbyists for management or the lobbyists for labor. As far as I am concerned they are all nice people. The issue is what is good for the people of the State of Nebraska whom we're all elected to represent. You have on your desk a letter from a fire chief in Indianola, Nebraska, which happens to be in my district, but whether it was in my district or not it's still a well written letter. And in case any of you are thinking that perhaps this fire chief on a volunteer fire department happens to also be a railroad employee in his real occupation, that's not the case. So it is this individual, unsolicited, wrote this letter concerning this bill that I think comes to the issue of what we'd ought to talk about. Senator Beyer just mentioned other issues along this same line. The letter from the Optometrists International also is a well written letter. The letter that I refer to, one of the points I'd like to make is, that was in the letter, is the one that talks on the fourth paragraph that says that most of the public does not realize that numbers of toxic chemical cars that are shipped on trains every day and if one of these cars were at the end of a train that had no caboose and there was an accident, before the crew got back to the end of the train and found what happened, the whole town could be wiped out from the fumes that leaked from these cars. It could happen. Now, that's a direct quote from the letter. We've got before this body and have had