

don't have it. I'm not going to have a string of cows strung out for a mile and not have anybody on both ends. Now, it's got something to do with safety. It's got something to do with liability, but the fact is I want to know what is happening on both ends of that string and it would seem to me that it would only be good sense if I am pulling a train of a mile or a mile and a half long that I've got somebody on both ends seeing whether or not things operate right. And I guess...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...in terms of trusting new technology, I know it's good and I know it's great, but I don't think we have yet and I don't think we will in the near future develop any sort of technology that has the ability to think and I think that's the issue. The issue is that that person at the back of that train cannot only see things, but that box can't see but they can think it through and react as well. I'd ask you to indefinitely postpone LB 807. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 807. You need to know the kind of terrain and country I come from. In case you don't, I have the heaviest traveled piece of track in the entire world run through my district. It originates in Edgemont, South Dakota, runs down through Crawford, Nebraska, on to Alliance and then on to the points where coal from the Powder River Basin is ultimately delivered to a utility. It is in my best interests not to place burdensome recommendations or regulations on the railroad. It is in my best interests as a district and for my constituents that we have a healthy railroading interest. But, nevertheless, it's also in my best interests and fulfills my obligations to my district to protect the safety and the convenience of my constituents and for that reason I think it's premature for us to make a decision to repeal the caboose act in the State of Nebraska right now. We have somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 trains going east through my district every day of the week. If you haven't been out there, it is an amazing sight to see those, in particular those big green trains rolling east and they carry more tons of coal than we stack up tons of paper here