

think that is probably wrong, we'd ought not be the only state. I don't think that we ought to make our decisions based on whether or not we are the only state or whether there are other states. I think we ought to make our decisions based on what we really believe is best for the public, best for the people of the State of Nebraska. I, too, would not be in this issue if it was a management-labor bargaining issue only. But I also am not willing to give up the safety of the public of the State of Nebraska to a labor-management bargaining decision. That decision ought to be ours. We accepted that responsibility when we ran for this office, and I think we ought to meet that responsibility. I'm not about to indicate that we're going to abdicate that responsibility just as we haven't abdicated that responsibility on our rules of the road. I'll tell you if you are concerned about time in this session, then probably the best thing you could do would be to vote to indefinitely postpone this bill because if we don't, if you think we're going to take a little time on Initiative 300, think we're going to take a little time on the budget issue, I'm prepared to take as much time as you want to spend, and I think Senator Pappas is as well, put up amendments to this bill, and there are all kinds of them, there are all kinds of them. So if you are interested in time and you've got some other bill you want to deal with, maybe you ought to indefinitely postpone this one to get it out of the road. Finally, if we...as I mentioned to you earlier, in terms of whether or not it is going to have an economic impact on this state, absolutely it will, absolutely it will. You know Senator Hefner and others, and Senator Johnson generally opposed it for the bill yesterday. We'd be prepared to jump through hoops to bring more people into this state, to add more jobs,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...yet we are blissfully going about the business of allowing some jobs to go away. Now don't kid yourself, they will go away. Finally, I mentioned earlier that cost. I disagree with that cost because I think it would be like tying a tricycle on the back of one of Senator Beyer's trucks. But we do require a mirror on Senator Beyer's trucks. We do expect him to be able to see what goes on behind him. I think we ought to do the same thing with railroads. I don't know whether...if there is any time left, I'd like to give it to Senator Pappas.