

equipment device used by other railroads in other states that do not have a caboose. Simply, what this would do would be to tell the engineer the safety of the train. The little box, what they are talking about, on there now is all that does is tell the engineer whether or not there is air in those lines. With this telemetry device that is used on other railroads the front head unit has the ability to set those brakes from the back of the train. In essence this is a safety fixture again. If some of the body thought that I did not feel or think that this was a safety issue, either I didn't state my words correctly or clear enough. This is a safety issue. That is what this box would do. The little box that is on there now they are talking about in the cold weather the battery works, sometimes it works, sometimes it does not work. When that train leaves, as an example, North Platte, Nebraska that is not checked enroute. They have certain stations that they can fix this device on repair stations. Some of them work and some of them do not. The train crew does not check this box that they are talking about. Okay, for my yellow flashing light it seems there is a federal regulation that picks up so many illumines of light. The yellow can be seen better. And what I'm requiring is a red light so that that can be seen in fog and also daylight. In inclement weather, right now, you cannot see that yellow flashing light. This box would have the ability to dynamite that train, if necessary, to set those brakes in case of...is necessary. May I explain to you the way the brakes work on the train. There is an air box, and with the air it raises this piston up, and that is what sets the brakes on the train. I'm just asking for the same thing on the rear of the train as the conductor or the brakeman has the ability to do right now. We'll take that up first.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, my first inclination is to say this amendment is not germane. In fact, I really wonder, based upon "Mason's Rules of Order" or a thousand other things, whether when you have just the simple repeal, whether amendments like this or any amendments become germane. However, because I'm a reasonable person and want to get along with everybody, I'm not going to object to this particular one or even the next one unless the amendments became a problem. I would simply offer these arguments against this particular amendment. What is the essence of the amendment? The essence of the amendment is business,