

railroad business in this case. We legislators sitting here, who probably aren't that great of experts on the whole picture of railroads, are now going to make a whole bunch of business decisions. We're going to say, you have this, you have that, you do this, you do that. This is the way you're going to run your business. Now, irrespective, irrespective of the fact that we have, from the federal level, pretty stiff regulations on this entire subject, pretty uniform standards because remember, believe it or not, trains go across state lines from one state to the other, we're going to create a special situation in Nebraska. We're going to say railroads here are just a whole bunch different than railroads anywhere else. I think this is the exact opposite of the direction we should be going with respect to any business in this state, and that is true whether it be a railroad, or a grocery store, or anything else, or even a farm. So I would urge you to vote against the amendment. Maybe there is merit in it somewhere. If there is in this particular amendment, this whole new system she is offering, maybe that is an idea to bring in next year for a bill. But, really, at this time what we are talking about is a simple question. That simple question is, should there or should there not be a caboose? And, as I suggested at the beginning of this conversation about an hour and a half ago, two hours ago, I seriously doubt whether the debate is going to alter significantly, or alter at all, the ultimate results. I think there are probably 23, 24, 25 votes to advance the bill. And I think maybe it is appropriate to find out fairly soon just what the number is. I do rather suspect had the vote occurred an hour and a half ago there weren't 23, 24, 25. I think there were about 21, 22, 23. But timing is everything, and sometimes that moment in time is lost. And I suspect there may be enough votes here now, and I think we should get to the vote.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, did you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator DeCamp just laid on you. He said, do we have the right to run a business? Do we have the right to restrict businesses? It was a beautiful speech. But, Senator DeCamp, I would call to your attention that this body says, you shall wear seat belts. Is that a right? Are we forcing that? Then we say children must ride in restraints. That is the same thing, Senator DeCamp. Yes, we have the