

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, now we have reached the point of no return. I would like to have somebody tell me how that little black box on the end of the train is going to detect, in the middle of the train, when a bearing freezes and the wheel freezes and the train is getting ready to jump the track. Why do I bring this up? Well, let's stop and think. How many senators here on this floor are affected by trains going through their district? How many are affected? What do I mean by affected? In my district alone, Senator Hefner, Senator Johnson, there are trains that are 110 cars, over a mile long. Now think about that. They are over a mile long. They go right through the middle of many, many towns. And you have an accident, you have something happen in front of the school, or basically the elevator, and you blow up the elevator and you're going to blow up the whole town. Now what is this? This is a fight between the big guy and the little guy, that is what it is, a fight between the big guy and the little guy. Now the little guy, what happens to him? He loses his life if something goes wrong on the train. What happens to the big guy? He makes millions of dollars. Yes. He makes money. The little guy can lose his life. So think about that. Dollars versus human life, that is the issue right there. So what is a life worth? What is a life worth? See, the senators who don't have trains in their district have a different outlook. Makes no difference to them. But it makes a difference, it makes a difference, fellow senators, if you have trains going through your district over a mile long and 110 cars and you have an accident and somebody gets killed because the black box didn't work, the black box didn't detect something was wrong. Think about it. Dollars versus lives. So when you push your button that is what you are doing, that is exactly what you are doing. You can't tell me any different because I have testimony and there are people here, if you would listen to them, if you could listen to them, would tell you the same thing. They are actively in the business, and they are the ones that tell the true story, not the fellow sitting in the ivory tower. It is the guy down in the trenches, so to speak, riding the trains, running the trains, repairing the tracks and doing the work. Those are the fellows that are going to get hurt. This is the issue. And I ask you not to advance LB 807. For those of you that it doesn't directly affect, think