

Still looking for Senator Wesely, Senator Harris, Senator Beyer and Senator Remmers. (Microphone not activated) session so we just as well relax. Do you want to proceed, Senator Vickers? All right, thank you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I will go ahead and proceed, Mr. President, on closing. I just think it is an important enough issue we had ought to have at least a part of the folks here and it didn't look like we did have beforehand.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I was not criticizing you, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: No, I understand that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Very good.

SENATOR VICKERS: I might as well go ahead. Mr. President and members, first of all, I don't intend this to be as a pun but when the train is on the track maybe it ought to just get out of the road, but it appears that that train is on the track. But I would like each of you to at least look at the amendment on page 1697 in the Journal and then look at the bill, LB 807, Senator Hannibal says that this completely guts the bill. Well, if you read the...if you look at the bill, if any of you have bothered to look at the green copy of the bill, it is pretty difficult to do any amending at all of this bill without gutting the bill because the bill, Senator Hannibal, repeals the section of the statutes and if you want to put it that way, repeats...guts a bill that Senator Pappas and I had a few years ago. So if all you are doing is repealing a section of the statutes and you do any amending to that bill at all that changes that repealer, then, yes, that's true, it guts the bill. So in terms of whether or not you want to say we are just going to totally do away with any requirement that there be a manned caboose on any train in the State of Nebraska and if that is the only choice between totally doing away with them or leaving the current requirements in the law, then I guess you have to take a choice on one side or the other of that. I think there is some middle ground. I think there is some way, some things we could look at in between those two extremes. I would ask each of you, I would ask each of you to ask yourself if the information that you have been provided in terms of whether or not it is more safe to the public, ignore the railroad for a minute, ignore the railroad employees for a minute, ask yourself if it is more safe for your constituents or if it is less safe to have a caboose at the end of the train. And ask yourself if the information you