

have been provided by either side of this issue could possibly be slanted one way or the other. Ask yourself if you think those statistics could have been weighed one way or the other. And if you think, no, they couldn't possibly have been weighed, whether or not you are looking at statistics from the union or whether or not you are looking at statistics from the industry, then I suppose you had ought to vote against my amendment. On the other hand, if there is a shadow of a doubt about those statistics from either side, and, quite frankly, I think there is from either side or both sides, then maybe you had ought to look seriously at the amendment and the amendment sets up a mechanism whereby we can collect our own statistics, a third party statistics, allowing cabooseseless trains to run in this state, statistics that wouldn't be slanted from either the union or the industry and yet statistics that would be reflective of operations in the State of Nebraska, not necessarily some other state, not what might happen someplace else, but in our state with our topography, with our geography, with the way we are. It seems to me that is the way we had ought to proceed. I guess I just can't stress enough that in my mind it is simply a safety issue.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: I am not out to totally do away with Senator Hannibal's objective. And, who knows, if Senator Hannibal and I are both able to come back again, maybe in 1988 he and I will be on the same side because the statistics will convince both of us of one way or the other. But at that point in time at least we will have statistics that we can at least stand up and say, these are not slanted because they weren't collected by somebody that has a vested interest. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: I would like to ask for a roll call vote.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Roll call vote. We should all be in our seats, please. We are under call and hold it down so the Clerk can hear your response, please. A roll call vote has been asked for on the adoption of the Vickers amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1779-80 of the