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SENATOR SCOFIELD: Or coal or whatever. Would there be, I guess I am questioning whether this is the best rationale and also how you arrived at 6,500 and 8,000 feet, particularly that first figure, that 6,500 foot figure. What is that...why did you pick that figure?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: As I understand it, and I am not an expert on trains at all, but I have learned a lot more than I ever wanted to know about them. The, as I understand it, the standard train, if you will, a modular unit of trains based on weight of a product and the type of thing that they are carrying and the engine control, the power of the engines and such, the terrain that you are going over, is about 100-110 car train which is somewhere between 6,000 and 7,000 feet long and that is kind of what they call a regular train, and when the amendment was being talked about having it under 5,000 feet, like 4,800 feet, to be under a mile and the idea of parking between two section roads would work great if your station or your terminal was at the very, very end of the section road and you just wanted to let off one thing at the engine. If you are looking for a length restriction, we thought that the shortest regular train would be the best place to be. Hazardous materials, for example, is covered under federal regulations, has nothing to do with the caboose issue.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Okay, thank you, Senator. I guess I would, the comment about a 100-110, they are 110 and I think they are about 50 feet long, I haven't checked that figure, so I do have some concerns about that 6,500 foot length. I'm not sure that would cover all unit trains. The second one though I wanted to ask you about...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...the section there on, this is going to take a little longer than that. May I have an extension of time or may I turn my light on again, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, you may turn your light on again.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: All right.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You still have a minute, Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I don't think he can answer these things in a