

know what it is that they will come down with.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Okay, that is...so we don't know. Okay, finally and one concern that I raised last time on an amendment, as you know I have farmers and ranchers that have not always had wonderful relationships and reactions from the railroads in terms...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And cowboys.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...of difficulties of living peacefully and coexisting peacefully. What process do you suggest for a disgruntled public should the failure to regulate safety or public convenience related to removal of cabooses, can you give some advice for my constituents who may...using the Public Service Commission has been rejected and I would like your advice to those farmers and ranchers as to how we should deal with that and what process they should use?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Scofield, first of all what you are asking is a question that doesn't relate to a caboose necessarily, but I will try to answer because I did talk with people. Honestly, I don't have too many problems with that in my district, as you well know, but as I understand it, we have local law enforcement officials, we have the PSC that is available and it is available to act and work on all violations of safety with regards to railroads. What we are doing with this bill does not change that whatsoever. On a more practical basis, if you have people that would call you, or if they would call me, I would say that those people should call the superintendents of the yards or the division areas and I don't honestly believe that management is trying to upset the public. I think if they are aware of some things being done, not by management but by people out in the field, that I think they would try to do the best they could to see that those problems are corrected. There are FRA officials also. There are probably six or so in Omaha, I believe that there are about four in Denver, that do the inspecting and do the regulations from the federal standpoints on all kinds of issues regarding railroads and those people are available as well.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. I guess I would disagree with you a little bit that it is related to a caboose, particularly with blocked crossings, and if you are going to run long trains, I think we will see more blockages and more extended periods. So knowing that you are a reasonable fellow and willing to help