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caboose has not been part of that from a hazardous material. They take a lot of other restrictions, they have the Hazardous Waste Act, the Management Act that deals not with cabooses but deals with a lot of other safety conditions whether it be on a train or on a truck.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Okay, back to the PSC, you talked about the PSC can help regulate the safety aspect trains, how can the PSC regulate the safety dealing with the trains when we talk about fires and other things? The reason I ask, I introduced a bill last year to give the PSC authority for violations dealing with FRA regulations which we did not act upon.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Did you not pull that bill yourself?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, we pulled the bill ourselves.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: That is what I thought.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Presently I think, for the record, they used to have a FRA inspector at North Platte. He has transferred to Denver and now one of the major terminals in the state does not have an FRA inspector. I would like to know how the PSC, what power they have, what they can do to deal with safety issues on the railroads?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I believe that there are several statutes on the books and I have a copy somewhere in here that gives the PSC broad powers with regards to regulations of railroads and violations of any kinds of acts that the railroads do with regards to safety. Those are a matter of statute and they don't have anything to do with the caboose.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Sometime I'd like to see how they can deal with the safety issue when it deals with public safety...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR PAPPAS: ...that is what we are talking about, public safety. One other one, anytime during this discussion or anything else, it has long been determined that when they take the cabooses off they will put the men on the front of the train, has there been any statements, that you know of, because I have read some of the press of Burlington-Northern people, how long before they will start asking to remove the people from the front of the train, cut the crew size down from four or five to