

to do it. One thing I want to emphasize, if we don't vote this bill out of committee, it's dead as soon as that unsuccessful vote occurs. You may as well call out the undertaker and bury it. If the railroads are opposed to what it is we're doing, you know that they will make it...

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...clear that an effort was made to put the Legislature on record in favor of these safety actions and the Legislature chose to say, no, we are not in favor of it. If the bill comes out and is not amended in the way that Senator Wickersham has promised us he will do, and I trust him, but should something happen and that not occur, then we just don't support the bill. But I do think it ought to be brought out. It will not do any harm and if we don't, it is dead. And if you talk about sending messages, that will be one that I think would be unmistakable.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If anyone is interested, I am having the latest Attorney General's Opinion printed and will be distributed to you soon. Now understand, as you look at it, you need to reference that to your green copy. It is not the latest, most recent updated version of the Attorney General's Opinion. But it is a second Attorney General's Opinion of the last two Attorney Generals we've had. They have been in agreement on this issue. It hasn't been one, but it's been both. If you want to look in your Journal, it has been printed on page 1351. I see the Pages are ready to distribute it now. And I owe you an apology for not having this done sooner. I did not do it because I knew there would be changes made and I have asked for a current Attorney General's Opinion which you will need to take into account as you're making your decision on this matter. But this may help you having that in front you, along with your bill, along with the amendments to try to put this in perspective to make your decision. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would yield my time to Senator Morrissey.