

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB255

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 08, 2011
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Transportation and Telecommunications
One Liner: Eliminate investigation and regulation duties of the Public Service Commission relating to railroads

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Campbell, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Price
Nay:	2	Senators Dubas, Louden
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Dusty Vaughan

Representing:

Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

Opponents:

Tim Schram
Spence Morrissey

Representing:

Public Service Commission
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees
Division of the IBT
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen
Nebraska State Council of Machinists & IAMAW Local
Lodge 612

Randy Meek
Patrick Kelley

Neutral:

Brenda Mainwaring

Representing:

Union Pacific Railroad

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 255 eliminates the Public Service Commission's Railroad Inspection Program.

Section 1 amends Sec. 74-1313 to strike the reference to a PSC railroad accident investigation when considering a priority list for railroad crossings.

Section 2 amends Sec. 75-401 to strike the authority to enforce federal railroad safety standards.

Section 3 amends Sec. 75-426 to strike the authority of the Commission to investigate a railroad accident and issue a report.

Section 4 provides an operative date for the bill of July 1, 2011.

Section 6 provides the Emergency Clause to the bill.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson