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LB 171

I do intend, however, to withdraw it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion by Senator Wickersham to return LB 171 to strike the enacting clause. We're open for discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill makes me think of two railroad songs; I'm not going to sing either one of them. One was "Freight Train", I don't remember who sang it, but it went, freight train, freight train, going so fast; freight train, freight train going so fast, I don't care what train I'm on as long as it keeps rolling on. Now there are those waiting in the wings for this freight train to roll on down the line, and then they're going to latch onto it next year. The other one was...one of the Guthrie's sang it, called "City of New Orleans", and that's one of the best songs I've...I've heard from Guthrie, and I won't even tell you the words of it, except to say I'll have gone 500 miles when the day is done. There are others who are hoping that this bill will pass and give this break to these television stations, and then they're going to come in and say, you gave it to the television people, now the radios and others are entitled to it. So you start off with maybe a diesel engine rolling from New York, and each state it passes through, it picks up another car. By the time it's laboring at the Rocky Mountain area, it may have trouble making it over the Rocky Mountains, if they don't cut a path through it. And even if they cut a path through it, the load is becoming so great that maybe the train will make it and maybe it won't. But when you have one of these situations where you add a car here, add a car there, by the time the thing is completed and you've built this train, there is no way to connect, for purposes of communication, what's happening in the engine at the front to the caboose in the back. So the radios are going to say, we just got a little caboose that we want to hook onto this train, and look what you've given to everybody else, look at all these cars you've added. This is not a good bill. What it purports to do is not something that this Legislature ought to be doing. In view of the fact that Micron was killed off, at least temporarily, yesterday, it makes no sense to come back in and do something such as is being offered with LB 171. I have not heard a justification that is valid offered for this bill. Senator Kristensen has given every