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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 311

Chairperson: Senator Curt Bromm
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: March 12, 2001

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Railroad service is critical to businesses and communities throughout Nebraska. When a railroad carrier abandons or discontinues rail service, it creates a hardship on those affected. The intent of LB 311 is for the state to take a proactive position that will preserve rail service throughout Nebraska, or provide early intervention in order that alternative strategies can be developed.

LB 311 provides for a reporting system to accomplish the legislative intent. The Department of Roads shall collect and analyze rail traffic data. The department will report this information to the Public Service Commission for their review. The commission, with technical assistance and advice provided by the department, is responsible in identifying rail service that is in jeopardy of being discontinued or abandoned. The commission shall then notify affected parties and provide reasonable and necessary assistance to those affected.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator George Coordsen