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person could operate this? Actually, from a physical standpoint, it's...it's just a very difficult thing to think about in the first place because there are only 12 locations in the state of Nebraska where a train that size can even stop, and when they do stop they're going to block, they're going to block passage otherwise, so the other person in the train has to get back out, go back, manually uncouple. They separate it so that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...so that it's open enough. Well, let me be realistic by saying we're not...we're not asking the railroad to do anything different than it's doing currently. We are simply requiring that...that they maintain a safe operation and continue that operation. I believe that they're interested in safety, but I think they're also interested in their own economics. I think they're interested in their "turfing", that this is not a...not an issue that involves the state of Nebraska; it just involves the Union Pacific and the Burlington Northern. And that's not true. They are call...they are carrying more and more hazardous material. The...and the problem with having just one person in a crew, and the reason that I mentioned the Scottsbluff matter in the first place is the difficulty that you have, if you have one person on the operation, to adequately notify the people in the area of the concern. I think we owe it to our constituents. We owe it as a matter of safety. We are the body that makes the determination as to what is in the best interest and what's the safe interest...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...of the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 185 to E & R Initial. The house is under call. All in favor of advancement of LB 185 vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 185A (sic) to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on advanc...Senator Pederson, for what purpose do