

not going to get another cotton picking crossing built unless we change the legislation and make it a two-party mandatory thing...the state make a finding, the money is there and you build it. If we stay with the bill in its original form, you can bet it isn't going to happen. So, Senator Dworak, I'm not trying to upset the applecart, I'm just saying if we really are serious about it, if you mean everything you say about railroad crossings and safety, then let's face the facts and the facts are they won't get built if you leave the bill in its original form. They definitely won't get built if you say, now railroads, since you've been stalling in the first place, we're going to double the amount you have to pay and give you more incentive to stall. So I urge you to... if I were asking I would say, Don, wouldn't it be better to withdraw your request, wouldn't it be better to go with a system to get some built?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan. The Chair recognizes Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know whether I'm ready at this point to go as far as Senator DeCamp proposes, but I am strongly against the proposals by Senator Dworak. I have to disagree again with Senator Dworak. We have discussed this before on the floor. If we want those safety devices to be built on railroad crossings, we've got to use the money which is available in our Nebraska Department of Roads. I have had my own experiences over the years to get these devices built in my district. It takes a year, or two, or three of negotiations, of threats, of starting a hearing, a public hearing with the Public Works Committee, of going to the Public Service Commission. You just don't get it built, because some of those railroads don't have the money. So let's go back as Senator Cullan has proposed, use the money as it is available, and put a little bit more state initiative in this as it is done in LB 42, and get those safety devices built. Senator Dworak simply is wrong if he wants to change the balance of payments, we are not going to get it built, and we do need those safety devices now, because we have a lot of increased coal traffic. If Senator DeCamp wants to come back with his amendment, I might support that too, and let's go all the way and use it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, the Chair recognizes you.