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adoption of the amendments. They are basically technical. The Public Works Committee advanced another piece of legislation changing the reporting requirements for the railroads as far as accidents are concerned, a clean-up language really resolving the conflict in the statutes, and this simply makes a proper reference within the bill to the section, the appropriate section as far as reporting of accidents is concerned. That's the only intent of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Cullan amendment? If not, Senator Cullan I guess that will constitute your opening and closing. There's no one else wishing to speak, so all those in favor of adopting the Cullan amendment will vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Voting on the Cullan amendment to LB 42. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion passes, the Cullan amendment is adopted. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp now moves to amend... would you like me to read them, Senator?

SENATOR DeCAMP: It doesn't really matter, I have explained it kind of halfway.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. You may explain it.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, once again so you are not deceived, so you are not confused, this is a major change in the bill, and I hope, I sincerely hope, Senator Cullan and Senator Wesely will go along with it. Question...if the present system works, then how come the fund keeps building up and crossings don't get built with it? There isn't that much going into the fund but the fund just keeps getting bigger...couple million now, and the crossings aren't getting built. Answer...because you have to have three parties agree. Now the locals, you can get them to agree, because they need it. They're killing their people. The state, the law kind of pressures them into it. But contrary to what you think is the case, you cannot order the railroad to pay that money. Now Senator Dworak took the approach that well by golly they're there and they're big and they got money, and on and on and on, and we'll just order them to pay five, ten, fifteen, twenty