

because I want to start building these overpasses immediately, eight of them in the next couple of years, and quickly.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner, do you wish to speak on the Kahle amendment?

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the Kahle amendment and I do this kind of reluctantly, but I think probably in the sense we would be better to go ahead with this bill the way it is. If this is really a problem someplace down in the future, maybe we can come back and take a look at it. I think for the sake of getting things on and getting some crossings started I would oppose that amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, we are speaking on your amendment. You are closing on your amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay. Mr. Speaker, members, I really find it unique in a way that the railroads are using this to shove down our throat that they aren't...they are going to take their marbles and go home if we put this little bit of restriction on them so that there is some local control. It just seems to me like this is a small thing to ask and I for one as you all know have long and loud spoken for local control that has some community input into these things that happen. I still feel very strongly about it. If the railroads want to take their marbles and go home, I suppose they can find another excuse. I think Senator DeCamp made the best speech of all in favor of this amendment when he tells us that the railroads are threatening us. They aren't going to do this or they aren't going to do that if we don't play ball with them, just exactly the way they want it. I think that it has been stated that, boy, if you put one amendment on that bill we are done, we are going to take you and we are not going to do anything for you. Now that is not the way, that is not the attitude we should have in the State of Nebraska to get things done. I resent it. So I hope that we are not going to take a lot of time with this and I know that we can operate with this amendment on or off but it just seems to me that it is part of the system and it should work. The Public Service Commission is there to look over our shoulder and look over their shoulder if we do have an agreement, I don't see how in the world it could hurt us. Now I just can't imagine this legislature being cowered by the railroads.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Kahle amendment to LB 190. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 23 nays on the adoption of Senator Kahle's amendment, Mr. President.