

have absolutely complete respect for collective bargaining. I do not want to get in the middle of that. Now you talk about the radios, the union already filed, three weeks after our hearing they filed for a hearing on radios. Can you imagine that? I also passed out on your desk a collective bargaining agreement between the unions and the railroads. It has already been filed and that was filed on the 29th of June. Certainly we do not want to get involved in collective bargaining. There is cabooses on all trains now. There will be. There is no intention of taking cabooses off. There is two types of cabooses, those local cabooses and those that are on the normal trains. They have to be there. The safety is there. Everything is in there now on collective bargaining and anything that isn't there they can go to the collective bargaining table for now. I would certainly urge you to kill this particular bill. It has no reason to be in the Legislature at all. I will save the rest of it for closing. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am sure that you all know what sandbagging is and I am sure you know what being led down the primrose path is, and with this bill you are being cabooseed. Now the other two we understand and know what they are but I have never been cabooseed before and I don't think I want to be cabooseed this time. So I am going to oppose LB 230 and I would like to call to the attention of this body that what happened when they put diesels on the railroad. After they put diesels on the railroad for many, many years we still had to have firemen. Well there was no coal to shovel and there was no coal and there was no fire but we still had to have firemen. This raises the cost of anything you transport by train. Now you look on the market and they will quote to you that wheat or corn is worth \$2.80 a bushel. Now that is not true because I have to pay 50¢ a bushel on my wheat or corn to get it transported so if it is \$2.80 they say corn or wheat is worth, I am only getting \$2.30 because I have to pay that 50¢. Now if we go doing things like this, being cabooseed and cabooseed good, the price of my cost to get my grain to market is going to go up. The price of your automobiles are going to go up. They are transported on the trains. And I can see no need for this bill because cabooses aren't going to be taken off. They say they are going to take them off. They can do like they did and say they are going to have a strike. That is what the railroad did a little while ago here. It said that the Union Pacific Railroad will meet with the United Transportation Union on April 8th on a dispute that raised the