

threat of a strike. So if they go to take cabooses off, all the people have to do in the union is say, okay, we are going to strike you. Well, now the railroads aren't going to take the cabooses off and have a strike because that costs them too much money. So I am going to ask you to remember that we had firemen for a long, long time on the diesels. Finally we got rid of them, and what they are trying to do here is just put it in concrete that regardless of how transportation mechanisms, communications, how anything ever changes that we are going to be caboosed and have cabooses. So I would ask that you support the kill motion on 230 and not get caboosed. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Sieck and then Senator Cope.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I was going to talk for the bill and now I am going to talk against the kill motion. I do feel that this is a good bill. Senator Haberman said that we didn't need this bill. There would be cabooses. All this bill is doing is ensuring that there will be a caboose, and that they will not take it away, and it is a safety factor, a definite safety factor. I handed out some literature here this morning that showed a train-truck accident and it came close to home to me that that caboose was necessary. This truck hit the train six cars below the caboose. How is the trainmaster to know that a truck hit the train? The caboose could radio to the trainmaster that there was an accident and could notify authorities so that the proper authorities would be at the scene of the accident. To me that is very important and we do not want to do anything to belittle this factor. This individual was saved but as you notice the accident you wonder how he was saved...but it is because people were there to help him. So I can see a real need for that caboose. There is no doubt in my mind that those things are necessary. We talk about a fireman when the diesel came into operation. Now I don't think this compares with that at all but if that is what the trainmasters are after or the railroads is to eliminate the cabooses as they did the firemen, then it is for certain that we need this bill so that we are assured that we do not eliminate the caboose. So I am going to vote against the kill motion, definitely vote against it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I support the kill motion. I didn't speak on the amendments. I wanted to see whether they were accepted. On the committee amendments,