

specifically Section 4, most of this section was eliminated. What was left was only electric lighting that is proper, electric lighting of desks, toilet facilities and some items such like as that plus fire extinguishers. Now there is a long list that was eliminated by the amendment. I understand that the Missouri Pacific and Union Transportation Union through collective, and I repeat, collective bargaining now provide the items in the original bill and that is the ones that were amended out and quite a few in addition. I think that is good proof that we don't need legislation. I will tell you what I think it is. I don't think the unions care a hoot about the language in the section, in this particular section. I think the only thing the unions are interested in is found in Section 3, the last sentence, and quote, "Wherever a railroad operates a freight train in this state, the rear car of the freight train shall be an occupied", I repeat, "an occupied caboose". Now that is what the union wants in the statute I think and not a lot of these little miscellaneous items that is sort of a smoke screen. I think we have enough to do in this Legislature without assisting the railroads and the unions to legislate proper lighting and toilets and desks and fire extinguishers, drinking fountains and a variety of other things, and the fact that occupied cabooses must be at the end of each train. That is a job to be done in collective bargaining by management and labor. Let's do our job as lawmakers and let management and labor run the railroad. Join me in voting to kill this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, it is my privilege to introduce under the South balcony guests of Senator Haberman, Lisa Keep, Ogallala, Kerri Bareut and Neal Graham, Valentine. Visiting the Legislature are eight members of the China Breeding and Investigation and Trade Group from Peking, China, here at the invitation of Governor Thone. Will you please rise so we may say "Good Morning" to you. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I agree completely with what Senator Clark says and what Senator Cope says about the Legislature not getting involved in collective bargaining. That should be between the labor unions and it should be between their business employers. However, is this truly a collective bargaining issue, and if you conclude it is, I can see voting against the bill and voting for the kill. I, however, happen to believe after doing some observations the last six, eight months in this particular matter that the last thing it is is a collective bargaining issue. What it is is a Nebraska people issue and a protection issue, very clearly and simply. We have more trains going through Nebraska than ever before. Now we are the corridor for train traffic,