

record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Schmit, will you please record your presence. Senator Wiitala, will you please record your presence. Senator Pirsch, Senator Nichol, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, Senator Nichol, Senator Pirsch. We are still short Senator Chambers and Senator Pirsch. Okay, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 818, Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is from Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers amendment is found on page 546 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President and members, the amendment that I am offering to LB 230, as I indicated to you earlier, in my opinion narrows it down to even more of a safety issue than the bill at the present time is. The amendment would strike Section 2 in the present bill. The Section 2 simply indicates that this act shall apply to all cabooses except those used in terminal service or operating within a two-mile limit of a terminal. The amendment that I am suggesting would read that this act applies to all cabooses on trains again except those used in terminal service, those operating in the two-mile limit of the terminal, or those trains operating with less than twenty rail cars on a branch line. Now I happen to live on a branch line railroad and I see a lot of those trains going by at various times of the year when there is an engine, maybe one boxcar, one hopper car and a caboose. Now if it is simply a matter of safety when it is a very short train of that nature, obviously the engineer can still see the end of the train. It is more or less like driving a semi, if you will, down the highway, and again, it is a branch line. There is not a chance of another train coming along from behind. They don't really necessarily need the red light on the back. So in order to narrow it down to more of a specifically safety issue as far as the fires are concerned, as far as somebody hitting the side of the train, I would suggest that we eliminate the requirement for twenty cars or less on a branch line so that if the railroad chooses to they could not have a caboose on such small, short trains as that. That is the amendment. It is very simple and I would urge the body's adoption of it.