

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the amendment that I am offering now narrows it down even more I believe as far as the objections raised earlier by those that said this Legislature shouldn't be involved in those issues that should be handled through the labor-management negotiation. The language that I am striking with my amendment on page 4, line 25, and I will just read the language, it says, "Conductors will not be censured or disciplined for refusing to depart a terminal with a caboose that does not meet the specifications described in this act. Conductors and brakemen shall not be required to service or supply cabooses." I suggest to you that those instances dealing in that area are part of the negotiation process and that we probably should not be involved with that legislatively so I would urge the body's adoption to strike those two sentences narrowing this down even more to a simple safety issue, in my opinion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is, shall the second Vickers amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Record, Mr Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: The second Vickers amendment is adopted.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Goodrich. (Read Goodrich amendment as found on page 819, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I submit for your consideration an amendment to this bill that does this. It says on line 2, excuse me, page 2, line 20, it says, "...the freight train shall be an occupied caboose". Where else are they going to ride, the crew going to ride, except in a caboose, but if it is not a labor negotiation type of contract or forcing this point into the contract, then they don't really need to say "occupied caboose". All they would have to say is that it shall be, the last car on the train shall be a caboose. Now, for example, if you have got a one man in that caboose, for example, and he has to go somewhere else on the train, you don't have an occupied caboose. If, however, the intention is to force people onto the crew, then you have to have an