

occupied caboose so you would have to have two men so that one of them could occupy the caboose while the rest of them does the work of the train. And I suggest, for example, that all we have to do is say "a caboose" and when the crew member, for example, does not have to stay in the caboose all the time, he can do his work, the rest of the work on the train that he is supposed to do. I would ask the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I would oppose the Goodrich amendment. It seems to me that is the guts of the issue if we are talking about safety. If we are going to have a caboose back there and not have anybody in it perhaps, then who is going to tell whether it's got a lot of sparks along the right of way as they go, who is going to tell if somebody smacks into the side of a mile long train. It seems to me that is the entire issue that we are talking about if we are talking about safety. Simply having, whether it is a caboose or boxcar back in the back end is not going to make a whole lot of difference. If there is a way to make sure that there is somebody going to be riding in the back of a boxcar, why then we can have a boxcar back there as far as I am concerned. The issue to me is very clear. The issue is that there is a person in the front end of a train and a person on the back end of a train to look out for people that might have hit the train or the train might have hit or to look out for various other things such as scattering of sparks that might cause fires. So I certainly would oppose the Goodrich amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I accepted many of the other amendments but I could not really accept this one. It makes no sense to require that there shall be a caboose, that there shall be a fire extinguisher, that there shall be a two-way radio, that there shall be a first aid kit, and yet indicate that there be no one in there, no one to use the radio, no one to use the fire extinguisher, no one to use the first aid kit. Obviously for the safety provisions to work, there has to be an individual involved, someone for visual sighting, someone to use the material, someone to use the radio to call up front, and so I would certainly oppose this amendment. It really destroys the intent of the bill and Senator Goodrich I think tried to kill the bill once, and I don't think doing it through amendment should succeed either so I would certainly oppose this.