

special guests here. These are under the North balcony, our Fire Marshal Wally Barnett has some guests; the State Director, Bill Weckwerth, Chief Deputy, Ted Barry, of Wyoming; and William Kegin of Kansas, and Mr. Barnett is hosting a Mid-regional Fire Marshal Conference here so would you welcome all of these gentlemen please. Welcome, especially those from Wyoming. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I also am going to oppose this amendment and I can't see how someone could be in the train when it is moving, and it almost has to be somebody in there if you are going to have somebody occupied, and if it is stopping there really is no need and I don't see why we should put in here that the caboose should not be occupied at all times. The caboose would have to be occupied when it is moving down the track if they are going to accomplish anything, if you are going to have any safety factors at all. Now I just can't understand where he is coming from. If he wants to say that they shouldn't be occupied when they are standing still, let's say it that way, but if you are going to say that they are not occupied, that means that they could go down the track without being occupied and so I just could not support it because that would take all the safety angles clear off of the bill. So I will just not support it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, this would destroy the bill. The safety factor involved if the train stops in an emergency by having a manned caboose is the issue, and what is going to happen if another train is following a few minutes behind, the train has to make an emergency stop and you have an un-manned caboose. Is the engineer going to go back a mile and a quarter on foot to flag down the next train? I think this is a real serious situation when you have got trains following each other that you leave that caboose unmanned on trains that are over a mile long. Do we have to have some trainwrecks in this state to see that we...caused specifically by this to see that we ought to put in some protection on the safety of running one train after another down the railroad. I think we ought to look at this seriously. The intent of the language is clear. It is not the ridiculous situation. They are not going to demand that the person in that caboose can't step out when it is stopped. That is ridiculous to assume it is that way. I urge you to oppose the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Fowler.