

appointed by the Governor and they currently include one branch rail shipper, one railroad management employee, one Public Service Commissioner, one representative from the State Rail Planning Agency which is currently contracted to the Department of Roads and three members of the general public. My amendment would simply say one of those members of the general public would be, we'd substitute for that an actual railroad employee, a maintenance of way employee with the notion that this would give a particular area of expertise on this Branch Rail Revitalization Committee of people that actually work on maintaining safe railroads in the state. That is the whole bill. With that brief explanation, I would ask that you advance it.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Scofield. Any further discussion on the advancement of 509? Senator Scofield, there are no further lights. Would you like to close? Senator Scofield waives closing. We're voting now on the advancement of LB 509. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 509 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 793.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 793 was introduced by Senator Hartnett. (Title read.) The bill was read for the first time on January 19. It was referred to Revenue Committee. They report the bill to General File.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Landis, I understand that you will move for the advancement of LB 793.

SENATOR LANDIS: It's true, Madam Speaker, I will. This was introduced by Paul Hartnett and reported out unanimously by the Revenue Committee. It amends our sales tax law to include satellite programming and satellite television signal descrambling or decoding devices within the definition of gross receipts for sales tax services. It does not change Nebraska law with respect to what is practiced as far as what is taxable or not. The subjects of these bills are already the subject of tax collections by the Department of Revenue but the bill is necessary to clarify the statute so that there is no question of the right to the department to collect the tax. In other words,