

down through Tecumseh towards Auburn. It is now a hazardous highway to drive on when one year ago it was a very safe highway to drive on, so these are...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...many things we have to keep in mind and I'd especially approve of the part where Senator Lamb has directed a portion of this to the ICC because the ICC does not necessarily always understand how abandonment or short line spin-offs of these railroads do affect those of us in the Midwest. I'd urge support for the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the adoption of the resolution? Seeing none, Senator Lamb, would you like to close?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I think this issue has been pretty well discussed, but in case that somebody says, well, they really haven't filed for abandonment yet, so all this is premature, I would like to read part of a letter that is dated December 22 in 1989 addressed to Mike Goings, who is the rail planning supervisor down in the Department of Roads, and this is signed by Michael Payette (phonetic) who is their legislative representative for the Chicago-Northwestern, and in part he says, our goal is to sell this line. After the first of the year we will ask those who received our data book to give us a firm proposal. We intend to work with anyone who gives us a reasonable proposal to reach a mutually beneficial agreement. If we do not receive any reasonable proposals, we will at that time show the line in category one and publish the map. Now that is legalese for saying we're going to abandon the line. So this is the letter that we have from the Chicago-Northwestern that really indicates that they are going to abandon it and so I'll just ask that the resolution be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing and the question is the adoption of LR 262. Those in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 262.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 262 is adopted. Moving to LR 263, Mr. Clerk.