

whether or not it's called for under the bill or under the open meetings law or open meetings statutes as they exist now I really don't know but I certainly would have no objection to having this subject to the open meetings law.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Another question that I had. I noticed that the bill sets up a division of railroads within the Department of Roads and yet I don't see any funding for the division of railroads within the Department of Roads, even though they're called upon to make a quite elaborate feasibility study, not only on this but any other projects that are identified. Is it intended that in addition to the \$8 million subsidy and the \$1 million overcharge money that there would be an A bill for additional funding for the Department of Roads division of railroads, Senator Wickersham?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, it's my understanding that all of the functions that are called for in the bill are adequately already provided for within the Department of Roads,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...in fact, we have an employee in the Department of Roads that is largely responsible for work concerning railroads and I have had no indication that additional funding or personnel would be necessary.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I think, Senator Beutler, if I can venture to answer your question, I think that it might well come under the open meetings law because it's an independent board within the statute. So I think...I...you know, I don't know how the Attorney General would ever interpret that, but, Senator Wickersham, I...you mentioned the NIFA situation now twice and I guess that sparks my interest again because it's my understanding that at NIFA we didn't put any state money in to create that. Those were bonds. Isn't that right? We didn't put any reserve money or any General Fund money in to create the NIFA board, right?