

nervous. And when do I get nervous? I really didn't get nervous in committee, didn't get nervous on General File because negotiations were still going on. I didn't get really nervous on Select File as Senator Wickersham visited with us that negotiations were still going on. And then we got a letter that said, well, negotiations aren't off, and maybe the best thing we should do is just walk away from this. But now we're here at Final Reading, and when do I get nervous? Do I get nervous when we spend \$5 million out of our reserve fund and this line is in great need of repair, because it's in disrepair, that's part of the reason the CNW can't make it work, because it does need repair to bring it up to speed, so they can transport more products and things on the line. But do I start to get nervous when the locals don't put any money in, or can't put any money into this rail line to make it work? Then all of a sudden we'll be back here in a couple of years saying, well, look, we've got this rail line, we've got to do something to protect our investment. Maybe, if we just put a little more money in it, we can bring it up to speed and we can make it work. But I guess what I have to look at right now is that we're in the process of buying track, we're not buying a railroad, we're buying track. We don't know the purchase price, because we don't have an agreed upon purchase price. We've got two sections of the line, I think if I remember going back to the record, that have been given to us, and the other parts we're buying. I'm not real sure about those sections that are being gifted to us, or aren't part of that contract but we're still getting, and that starts to make me real nervous. I went back and read the record about some senators who are concerned about liability and FELA cases and liability with the rail line, and so we've tried to distance ourselves from that liability by creating this third entity. And once we've distanced ourselves just far enough to get away from the liability, don't we distance ourselves far enough that that starts to make us lend the credit of the state? I don't know. I've requested another opinion as to whether that occurs. The track is in need of serious repair in spots. Certainly the locals have committed, those people up there have gone out on a limb and their senators have gone out on a limb for them, and they absolutely, I tell you, have turned every stone, and they've looked for every source of funding that they can. They've looked to the federal government, they've looked to state government, they've looked for private, they've looked for banks, they've looked for bonds, they've done absolutely everything. I don't know that I've ever seen four people on that bill work any harder to try to find the salvation to do