

reductions in crew size. I don't know that the railroads would ever try to negotiate for less than two crew members in the cab of a train but, quite frankly, I don't want them to. I have ridden in the cab of a train and I can't imagine operating a coal train across the State of Nebraska, 15,000 tons, a mile and a quarter long, at 60 miles an hour, without two people in the cab. You literally couldn't eat lunch. You literally couldn't attend to any of your other basic humanitarian needs. I cannot imagine having less...that was a polite phrasing, wasn't it? I can't imagine having less than two people in the cab of a train under those conditions. At any rate, I would...Senator Haberman has made 1172 his priority bill and if Senator Haberman has some other remarks, I will yield the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Haberman. Senator Schimek, is next. Okay, thank you, Senator Haberman and Senator Wickersham. Senator Haberman, you are up next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President and members of the body, I'm not going to stand here and argue the merits of the bill. I think the issue before us this afternoon is the same issue that was before us when we raised LB 1063 to General File. We had people stand up and say, we can't discuss it, we can't look at it unless it's on the floor. So 33 people said, yes, that's true, we've got to bring it up here so we can look at it and chew on it and decide what we're going to do. So I'm going to say the same thing this afternoon. LB 1172 deserves to be placed on the floor of the Legislature, then we can chew it, discuss it and do as we wish with it. Advance it, don't advance it, amend it, not amend it, or kill it. But I feel that the opportunity should be there for the members of this body to in depth discuss 1172 and it will never happen if it's still in the committee. Then we can go into the dissertation as to why it's good and why it's bad and why it isn't. Now I know that Senator Warner is a fair man and Senator Warner is sitting here smiling at me and he's saying, Rex, you're probably right, we should be fair about this and bring it up on the floor. You don't feel that way. Senator Warner doesn't feel that way. That was an error on my part. He was smiling and shaking his head but shaking it the wrong way. So my plea to you today is let's bring it up here on the floor, discuss it and decide what to do with it in the entire body instead of just the committee. Thank you, Madam President.