

areas and Fred isn't working, it makes sense to pull off and get him to work for the rest of your trip, your eight-hour trip. Makes a lot of sense. And why...why do it? Because most of the rough track is in town, because of switches, crossings and no drainage. Most of the rough track on the railroad that deserves a slower speed is in town. Now if you have a freight train coming through town and he has no idea where the rear end of their train is and they exceed a restricted speed limit and they derail, let's say just one car of anhydrous ammonia in Tecumseh, Nebraska with a prevailing south wind, they take out the entire town in less than an hour.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And that can happen anywhere in any of your towns where there's a railroad. Now I'm not making this up or going overboard. That's why I have been very concerned about my job and do it well and I'm very concerned about rail safety issues. That's just one car, and most derailments, as you know, have many cars, many cars derailed and in that mix could be many cars of different chemicals. But one car of anhydrous derailed at the wrong place, at the wrong time in the middle of the night, with the right wind, can destroy an entire town, and that's not...that's no exaggeration. When will it happen? Will it happen? Maybe it hasn't yet, luckily. There was one in Crete a few years ago. But if it happens at the right place at the right time, it could be a disaster, a disaster. And we need to take every step we can to prevent that, and I don't think this would be that costly a step for the railroads. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Peterson, you are next. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Call of the house and call-in votes.

SPEAKER BAACK: We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please