

'97. We want them to look at the policies of what we call grade separations, also of crossing consolidation processes, and hopefully try to increase public awareness about the need to address this problem in the future, because as we go on rail crossings will become a real problem in the State of Nebraska if we don't begin to look at how we're going to deal with those sorts of issues. With that, I'd be happy to try to answer any questions and would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Is there any discussion of the Kristensen amendment? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close? Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment to LB 265. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Kristensen amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Withem would move to amend. (Withem amendment, AM1856, appears on page 1865 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, this amendment simply adds the emergency clause. The original bill extends the life of the Telecommunications Commission for an additional two years to oversee the implementation of its recommendations. We looked at it and technically what would happen would be the commission would...if it passes in its form now the commission would self-destruct then have to be reconstituted. With the emergency clause they can continue on without the problems of decompressing and then coming back up again. So I would ask...like to have the emergency clause added to this bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there any discussion of the Withem amendment? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Withem amendment to LB 265. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of