

honest than they are now. I think if the bill is for the betterment of Nebraska, I think I'll probably wind up voting for it. I had reservations to start with. Some of my people, as you know in Gibbon, Cozad, Gothenburg, as I said before, the crossings, they aren't exactly what I think they should be. We're all working on safety, we're working on blocked crossings. Mr. Burns has said he will work on this. The representatives of the railroad said that they will work on it, engineers said they will work on it, and hopefully they are. I will listen here further. But, as I said before, I will vote for every amendment I can to make this bill an even better bill. I think we have a chance here, let's work with it, like Senator Chambers said, he's being educated as he goes along, Jim Cudaback is being even more educated as he goes along. I listened to Senator Brashear, some good ideas, let's listen and try to make this railroad even a better railroad. We need it in Nebraska. I certainly do not want them to go away. You can't have your cake and eat it too. If I knew they were going to stay here, would I vote for this bill? Probably not. I'd have \$2 million in my pocket. Is that a good reason to vote against it? I guess you have to answer that question. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yield my time to Senator Wickersham.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I can't help noticing that Senator Cudaback came so close to calling Senator Brashear Senator "Brochure" that I'm not sure whether this is a travelogue bill or what it is. But maybe railroads do still carry passengers and maybe it should be a brochure for some travel that we would want to do in the future. There is another reason for adopting my amendment that I didn't point out in my opening. And that is the complexity and the process that is used now under the provisions of 829 to claim the credit, to withhold the credit, and to use the credit at the company level. And if you read the existing statutory provisions, and Senator Chambers was reading them to you, and I was... I confess, I don't know why I was so insensitive, but when he was reading those to me it did strike me that what we are doing in the 829 credit scheme that currently exists is placing a very substantial