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question is the adoption of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, would you record, please.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Mossey, do you have a motion?

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 250 to E & R for engrossing. LB 250E.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Mossey. All those in favor say aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it. LB 250 advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 259.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 259. Senator Engel would move to return the bill for specific amendment, AM0815. (Legislative Journal page 906.)

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, President Pedersen and members. This is, as the Clerk mentioned, Senator Engel's amendment. The amendment is LB 178. LB 178 is a bill we heard in Transportation, Telecommunications Committee. It delegates authority over railroad crossings within cities, villages, municipalities, where they don't have this authority now. Currently, Department of Roads was assigned responsibility to regulate, draw up the regulations and regulate railroad crossings in all jurisdictions except cities, villages, and incorporated villages this way. This simply passes the responsibility on to the Department of Roads. There's been a problem, apparently, in the past, with cities being...feeling that their complaints were answered appropriately by the railroads. The committee statement, if you want to see it, or I can read it to you, there were no opponents or no neutral testimony on it. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe testified for it, Union Pacific, League of Municipalities, city of South Sioux City, St. Paul, and ProRail Nebraska representatives. So