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SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Pedersen and members. I'm not going to take long here. As I said before, if you want to bring it up on your screen, it's LB 178. No opposition in the committee. It simply provides jurisdiction now to Department of Roads over all railroad crossings in the state. Before, they did not have jurisdiction over the railroad crossings in cities and incorporated villages. This provides uniformity to the Department of Roads. The cities now believe they have leverage in order to get these crossings maintained properly. And I would ask for your adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, if I could ask Senator Baker a question? Senator Baker, does this...this turns it from the cities over to the Department of Roads? All cities?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, it does.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Seeing no further lights, Senator Baker to close. Senator Baker waives closing. The motion before the body is the amendment, specific amendment to LB 259. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. You all voted? Mr. Clerk, would you record, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: The amendment is adopted. Senator Mossey for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 259 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Mossey. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say no...nay. The ayes