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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Louden. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Me?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden, you're recognized again. Your light is on again.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. Thank...

SENATOR CUDABACK: This will be your third time, as you know.

SENATOR LOUDEN: As you have a railroad crossing, there's no way of getting across the railroad if it goes across the country. So whenever you take out a crossing, you just as well have dug a ditch across there to keep the country from moving from one side to the other. This is part of your commerce, whether it's from one field to the other or from one edge of town to the other, or whatever. But when they close these crossings, the railroad doesn't have to do that. They can realign some of their signals and that sort of thing, if they want to get along with the people on some of these crossing deals. What we're doing by putting in LB 79 is we're setting it up so that there's the easy way out, and...when they could reconstruct how their railroad signals are, and that sort of thing. It could be redone so that everyone would benefit for it. So I really don't think we need this law passed, and I'm certainly going to oppose it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Hudkins, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate all of the discussion that we have had on this bill. Senator Baker did not have the underlying bill brought to him by the railroads. He thought of this himself because he is an EMT and he said he was tired of working fatal accidents at railroad crossings. He said that this particular bill does not affect my issue. Well, no, of course not, but that's why the amendment is there, because there is something