

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1069

Hearing Date: February 26, 2008

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer(s): (Dubas)

Title: Change provisions governing railroad companies blocking certain railroad crossings

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Aguilar, Fischer, Hudkins, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Pedersen, Stuthman
1 No	Senators Schimek
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Annette Dubas
Pete McClymont

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:

Brenda Mainwaring
Roberto Munguia
Robert Andersen

Representing:

Union Pacific Railroad
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
Nebraska Cooperative Council

Neutral:

Jerry Stilmock

Representing:

Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters
Association

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 1069 makes the blocking of a railroad crossing a Class I misdemeanor and increases the fine to one thousand dollars for each offense.

Currently, § 17-225 makes it unlawful for a railroad company or its employees to obstruct a public highway or street for more than ten minutes in any unincorporated town or village. The fine ranges between \$10 – \$100.

The bill removes references to officers, agents, or employees of the railroad company. It also adds a criminal classification of a Class I misdemeanor and increases the fine to \$1000 for each offense.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson