

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 324

2017 Regular Session

Pierre

June 7, 2017

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 324 by Representative Pierre, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 by Senator Claitor (#2503) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Vincent Pierre

Senator Dan Claitor

Representative Kenny Havard

Senator Patrick Page Cortez

Representative Barbara M. Norton

Senator Regina Barrow

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

RAILROADS: Adds on track equipment as a railway vehicle considered for certain railroad crossing requirements

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Provided that if a driver is involved in a collision at a railroad crossing or interferes with the movement of a train or other on-track equipment after driving past the railroad cross buck sign, the collision or interference may be, if rebutted, prima facie evidence of the driver's failure to yield the right of way.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for "obedience to signal indicating approach to train".

Proposed law clarifies that obedience to signal indicating approach to train refers to motor vehicles approaching railroad crossings.

Present law requires all motor vehicle operators to take certain precautions when approaching a railroad train.

Proposed law retains present law and adds on-track equipment as a railway vehicle that a motor vehicle driver must be cautious of when approaching railroad tracks.

Present law requires the railroad to operate its trains in a safe manner.

Proposed law clarifies that the railroad is responsible for operating its trains and other on-track equipment in a safe manner.

(Amends R.S. 32:171(Section heading), (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), (C), (D), (E), (F)(3), and (H) and 172(D))