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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
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SB 3029

SB 3029 enacts language to make it illegal to do the following on railroad right-of-way without obtaining written permission from the owner or operator of a railroad line:

1. attempt to board or disembark from a moving freight train
2. damage or deface railroad property and equipment on the right-of-way
3. dump trash, waste or refuse on the right-of-way

SB 3029 excludes railroad and utility employees. The bill imposes fines for violation of #2 and #3 above and requires courts to order restitution to the owners for damages to the right-of-way and for clean-up of such damages.

SB 3029's prohibition of the above-stated activities hopefully will inhibit the public from being on railroad right-of-way and could provide a sort of safety measure and possibly decrease accidents on rights-of-way. The Railroad Association supports this bill.

SB 3029 is effective July 1, 2001.

NOTE: Lines 31 and 32 of the bill refer to violations of subsection (2) (b) or (2) (c) of Section 1. I believe this should actually be subsection(1) (b) or (1) (c) of Section 1. The bill was double referred in the Senate to Highways and to Judiciary. Chairmen Dearing and Turner need to request Committee approval to correct the typo.