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Committee hearing on the bill, it was suggested that to do this totally, there is an obsolete set of tables within Nebraska statutes that really are not enforceable and need to be revised out of the statute. Therefore, that's what the committee amendments do. I would move the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body. Would Senator Withem yield to a question, please?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem respond please?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Sorry I didn't get back to you. We talked about this earlier and I didn't get back to you. What did you find out, in other words, in this last page of the committee amendments, it says, it changes the word "may", the Director may adopt this, actually let this other set of measurements or weights go into effect and it changes that to "shall" let these weights go up to 95,000 pounds on your highways. What did you find out when you quizzed your aide on that?

SENATOR WITHEM: I found out that the drafter of the amendments is very busy this morning and no one can find him is what I found out. I'm sorry I do not have an answer to the question other than to state that this amendment was, this bill is, was introduced on behalf of the Department of Roads. The amendment was drafted by the Department of Roads in conjunction with Committee Counsel for the Public Works.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, thank you very much. Well, then what it really boils down to as I read the darn thing is that we're changing the words from the Director of Roads "may", wait until I get the darn thing out here. It says, upon finding that no loss to the state of federal highway user funds would result thereupon, the Director, the Director State Engineer shall authorize the carrying on a national highway system of the 95,000 pounds. In other