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LB 983

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much. I'm proud of my role in the promotion of safety during my years of service in this Legislature. Safety is of major interest and concern to me personally and for the people of my district. It follows that LB 983 has my attention as it pertains to safety and I have considered it from that angle. The amendments proposed by Senator Schmit were very important to me. I believe they address the concerns which I had relative to this legislation in two important areas. First, the amendment restricts the movement of these trailers to the interstate system. That removes my concern about the overall length of vehicles. The control of the movements of these units under special permits will be strictly controlled by the Department of Roads. Second, the Department of Roads is directed to consider weather and road conditions for the movement of the combinations. Those are important considerations which today control the movement of mobile and modular homes in this state. The Roads Department must set standards and conditions under which these combinations can move. I have seen state reports of the movement of the longer combinations in Colorado. I know Colorado tested these combinations in '81 and '82. Last year the Colorado Legislature and Governor authorized their regular movement under special permits with proper controls and conditions established by the state. Under these circumstances LB 983 with the amendment we have just adopted has my support. I urge the body to advance 983 to Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I opposed this bill when we discussed it earlier on General File and I would oppose it again today and I would urge you not to vote to suspend the rules if you are against allowing triple trailers on our highways. Now we had a rather extensive hearing on this particular measure in the Public Works Committee. I have no quarrel with the motives of those individuals representing the Tempte Manufacturing Company. As I know Senator Schmit has explained what they simply want the authority to do is to move their trailers that they

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