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how and under what conditions the permits will be granted by the Department of Roads. What if a permit is rejected and the trucking company is not happy with the rejection of the permit? What is going to be said in court? What are the standards? On what basis can they reject an application for a permit? Other things that are vague about the permit system. We amended the bill to indicate the weather conditions and the road conditions could be considered by the Department of Roads. But I ask you how would that work as a practical matter? Are you going to say the truck can not be on the highway when it is raining? And, how are you going to police that? Or, with road conditions, how are you going to describe the road conditions that would pertain across the State of Nebraska? It seems to me that there are numerous practical problems with the system that is being envisioned here that is going to effectually make an ineffective system of regulation. During the debate on this particular bill, as I understood it, the bill was for the use of the interstate highways from David City west. But, there is nothing in the bill that prohibits them from the Omaha area or the Lincoln area, nothing at all. I note also that it allows you to go six miles from the interstate highway. Well that won't be much of a problem in the country but going six miles into the City of Omaha would create quite a problem, I would suggest to you. I understand that there are some trucking companies in Omaha that might be interested in this sort of thing so it is not unlikely that the bill could be expanded to operate out of Omaha. These are a number of things that I think are technical problems with the bill and I would like to discuss, at a later point in time, to remind you again of the safety problems with the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson, do you wish to speak on... Senator Vard Johnson, the motion is to advance LB 983. Do you wish to speak? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to thank Senator Hoagland and Senator Beutler for withdrawing their amendments. I appreciate their legitimate concerns and their sincerity. I just want to try to answer, if I can, very briefly some of the