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arguments that were raised by Senator Beutler. First of all, there isn't any way that the unloaded trailer could be overloaded. I think we all recognize that so that that concern I do not believe is a valid one. Secondly, the Department of Roads can promote and promulgate rules and regulations such as they see necessary for the limitation of these pieces of equipment to any specified area. I do not believe that the concerns about moving them through Omaha are valid in any way. I think that we need to recognize that there have been a lot of conversations about safety. I want to point out that last year, and I got these figures, I hope they are correct, I want to point out that 8,275 permits were issued for the transportation of mobile homes on Nebraska highways, 8,275. Tempte plans to build between 200 and 300. If the Department finds any problem at any time they can revoke that permit and cease the movement of this equipment. I want to point out also that during the one year test period on vehicles of this kind in Colorado, there were no accidents reported and there were no reports of any kind of adversity from the public. In regard to the safety issue, the railroads are very concerned about safety. There were 95 collisions with trains in Colorado during that period of time. There were two fatalities, there were 40 that were injuring causing and there were 53 that were property damaging as opposed to none on the trucks. Now I want to point out one more thing. There has been a tremendous amount of conversation this past session about the activity of the lobbyists. There has not been any lobbyists that have contacted you on this bill. I did go to Mr. Preston after I had drafted the bill, not at his request, and ask him for some technical help with the bill. But, there have been no high powered lobbyists who have contacted you, representatives of Tempte have contacted you, as any business, as any citizen would have a right to do and it would be in their own best interest and the interest of the people of David City. This bill is to David City what the Falstaff bill was to Omaha, what Western Electric is to Omaha, what Land-O-Lakes is to Schuyler, what Sperry New Holland is to Lexington and Grand Island. It is a special bill for a special situation. It is one which I believe is justified and one which I believe will prove to be beneficial for the entire state. I want to comment again

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