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arguments I have heard borders on complete...well it is asinine, no other word. We grant so many special permits to move manufactured products in this state to their destination, we do it every day. It is done on the state highway system, it is done by special permit. There is no hazard. You will stand here and we will advance bills that places the state in millions of dollars of jeopardy, think nothing of it, pat ourselves on the back, but a simple routine permit to move an overwidth or overweight or an overlength piece of equipment is made out as to being some great mystery that is a stair step to something, I don't know what. But I think I have heard about as much nonsense on this bill as I have heard on any. I'd hope that the Legislature would advance it. It is straight forward, it is pure, it is simple, it allows a little industry to keep their costs a little bit in line. Why don't we stop giving lip service to economic development one time, do something that doesn't jeopardize no one, doesn't cost anyone, is every reason to know to believe the Highway Department is not going to issue permits indiscriminately and lets put an end to the nonsense and advance the bill. This purpose is worthy, this purpose does nothing more than what it has been described to do and I would hope that the nonsense would end. Please vote to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. We are only talking about empty trailers, we are not talking about the gross weight of these which would lend it to be harder to control. I don't think they are going to produce that many. I think it is just going to be a small amount of them and I don't think it would create that much of a hazard on our interstate. It has been brought out that it would hurt the safety on our highways but really, really, I can't see that it is that dangerous. Also we know that it is going to provide a lot of jobs in Nebraska. I think we need to try to hold those jobs in our state and, therefore, I would urge you to support this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beyer