

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. We next proceed to LB 122.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 122 was a bill introduced by Senator Haberman. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 11 of last year. It was referred to Public Works Committee, advanced to General File. There are Public Works Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the committee amendment to LB 122 does two things. First, it reduces the allowable percentage for which a vehicle could be issued an overweight permit from 25 percent to 15 percent, and, second, it deletes the storage to market language in the authorization for a special overweight permit. This bill was introduced by Senator Haberman for the purpose of facilitating the movement of grain during harvest. The committee felt that it was justified that special permits exist for the purpose of moving farm products during the period of harvest but we felt that the 25 percent overweight allowance was perhaps a bit excessive and that it was a good compromise to reduce that to 15 percent and, similarly, we felt that it was reasonable to allow for the movement of grain from the field to farm storage, from the field to market, or from the stockpile to market, but that once the commodity was safely established in storage that it was not necessary then to allow the trucks to be overweight when moving that same commodity from storage to the marketplace. So I would move the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the Public Works Committee amendments. There is an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, my amendment to the amendment puts a maximum that this can be used for a permit of 20,000 pounds per truck. So what it does in reality is it limits the trucks that can get permits