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number of permits required for those people that frequently have overweight or length, where they have to exceed the size or weight restrictions, and they get a temporary permit for a trip. This would allow those that come in frequently for permits to get a new type of continuing permit from the Department of Roads, which would reduce the paperwork for the Department of Roads. It would...this will turn out to be revenue neutral as far as revenue is concerned, at least that is the projection. If anything, it will reduce some of the paperwork to the extent that I think it will help the Department of Roads turn their attention to things that are of greater impact and more importance. I couldn't believe until this bill came through the mountain of paperwork that's involved with these frequent permits. So I'm hopeful that we can do this, because I think it is...I really don't think we're sacrificing any regulatory authority that we need. We can still, in any case we want, the Department of Roads can place some particular restrictions or revoke a permit or make a permit for a shorter period of time if they deem it necessary. The second part is LB 1146. Again, this advanced without any dissenting votes in the committee. The Trucking Association and the Farm Bureau were both neutral on the bill. It truly was a bill which I think was brought to remove some of the paperwork with respect to these temporary harvest permits, and to make it a little more practical. This allows...what we now have is a temporary 15 percent coverage on the maximum load during harvest. It maintains that, except that it provides that the maximum distance allowable is 70 miles, which is more practical in western Nebraska than I think 40 or 45 miles, as it was before. It allows it from harvest to either market or storage or stockpile, and the driver must carry a signed statement of origin and designation to confirm the 70 miles. And so this, again, removes some of the paperwork of having to have special permits for these. It also updates the wording a little bit in the law. We had specific wording in there with respect to combines. As you may be familiar, we have a lot of combines custom harvesting time that travel the highways. And...but we also have other types of harvesting or agricultural equipment, such as ensilage cutters that are...or similar implements of husbandry. And this includes...or changes the wording from "combine" to "implements of husbandry" in a permit for over length or over width requirements. And it does one other small thing, and that is, it removes the escort