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SENATOR EPKE: You stated a little bit ago that if you were traveling over a county road you applied to the county board for a permit, if you are traveling over a state highway you applied to the highway department. Now suppose in route you traveled over both types of roads, would you have to have two permits?

SENATOR STULL: In my judgement, I'm not real sure about this, but I think you would, because perhaps the one on the highway would have a over riding effect on county roads, but I don't think so, I know from actual experience that many times we

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would give a over weight or over width permit and that was only for the area, the roads we had jurisdiction over, and by the same token the bull dozer on the cab that belonged to the county and we did travel on the state roads once in awhile with that, and we had to have a permit from the highway department before we could go on state highways. So I would think probably if you traveled both systems you would have to have two permits.

SENATOR EPKE: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Still debating Senator Carpenter's motion to indefinitely postpone, Senator Kelly did you wish to be recognized? If so, just a minute I'll get to you but, I told Senator Whitney he could speak next but I'm checking, Thank you. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I would feel that whether or not you had two permits there depend on what the county authorizes and the state authorities wish to do, if they wish to reciprocate there I think maybe it might be a little different story. I wish to make my second little appeal to you to push the red button on this particular motion, I would say probably that 80% of the trucks that are now driving on the highways are overloaded, they're disobeying the law, the same thing in the state of Colorado, but we just haven't set up road blocks to stop it, excepting out in Imperial area, and they didn't set up those road blocks excepts in the Scottsbluff area, had they done so, Senator Carpenter would have been here asking for this bill instead of me. The roads department decided to make the Nebraska law stick, so they set up road blocks just a couple of miles from the Colorado line to catch all the Nebraska trucks and fine them, impound their trucks, and finally we decided that we'd better try to do something about it. When they got into Colorado, they were free to drive over the roads, they had no problem in Colorado at all, the beet farmers crossed the line in Colorado go their sugar beets in. Nebraska farmers couldn't, because they didn't have enough trucks, there was a scarcity of trucks. Now this bill does not only apply to farmers hauling wheat, or sugar beets, or corn from the field, to storage or to market, it permits commercial truckers to do the same thing from a grain elevator in a little town, or big town in Nebraska, to a market if those trucks drive over certain designated highways and so I feel that since the trucking association, we contacted them, they said they had no objection to the bill, the department of roads said they realize there is a problem, we want to be practical, we want to permit our largest industry in Nebraska to market their products, to get them out of the field, the Governor said I'm behind your bill, and I think it should not be indefinitely postponed and I hope you push the red button.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly, then Senator Lewis, Richard Lewis. Senator Kelly.