

county board as if they would recognize this road as sufficient frost and a to carry that extra load. They would...certain loads would be restricted and certain roads would be open. If we do not adopt this amendment then this could not one could haul on the county roads any excess because there is no provision for it in this bill, only to recognize the county roads could be used if the county board made the determination.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Maresh. Speaking only on the Burbach amendment. I know that it would be hard to separate that from the bill. Go ahead.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I wonder if Senator Burbach would yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach yield again?

SENATOR BURBACH: Yes.

SENATOR MARESH: This isn't actually an amendment but I'm talking about the letter we received from the Highway Commission where they say that they oppose the bill un-animously and they say that it is about impossible to administer and I wonder what your reply is to their statement.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Maresh, I did visit with the highway department and they were fully aware and I visited with Mr. Stobel about the over weight and the safety involved on the bridges and when I talk about safety on the bridges, I'm not talking about a bridge going down immediately but about the damage that it might do to a bridge. But we do have the 25% overweight allowance and the bridges are built for a tolerance of about 25% over the carrying capacity as we now have our truck system and I use the figure of 15 to be 100% certain that we would do no damage to the roads and to the bridges.

SENATOR MARESH: No, I'm talking about being impossible to administer...they contend this.

SENATOR BURBACH: They did not appear before the committee, I don't know, Mr. Strobel was there to answer technical questions. He did not particularly take a stand for or against the bill, and I wish that they had been a little more explicit to give you and I and all of the rest of us some guidelines. Now we talk about a permit. Now these periods will be a very short duration. But a blanket permit could be issued and the counties could take and handle and issue these permits. There is no fee and they said that there would be a certain amount of cost in it. We recommend that there be a dollar fee or a three dollar fee. We would have some guidelines, but this is a very confusing letter not giving us any indication except to say that it is impossible to administer, or administrate. I fail to see in there that someone is begotten to where those problems are, I can't see them because they can be handled from the county so it is close to the people to get the permit the determination can be made by a highway department by frost conditions, thermoter pavement temperature and none of these things were objectional when I asked for their favor in this type of a bill I did ask the highway department, I did not ask the highway commission. This is a letter put out by the commission but it is very inadequate I would say.