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never does freeze there. You have spots like this on your highway. How is the highway department do this..handle this when they give a permit.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Nore you evidently haven't read the bill. This bill says between certain dates and under certain conditions and certain routes. This problem that you are talking about, I would like to give credit to the highway engineer of knowing where you have these roads that have springs under them or salt flats or whatever it might be that they would not put them on the list. This does not permit every highway in the State of Nebraska to be given this privilege or this authority.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore do you have another question.

SENATOR NORE: Do you know that we have I think 2240 bridges that need the abutments on them now in the state of Nebraska. Now we put heavy loads on them, what's going to happen to these bridge abutments. They are going to have probably many more, and they are only going to get to, I think about two or three hundred of them this year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: If these are serious problems they never will be put on to this route with designated route. If there is any problem the Highway Engineer has all the authority to make the determination of what roads. And in visiting with one of the highway men, a Mr. Strobel as I indicated to you said roads and bridges are built for an excess of them. I'm not asking for the 25% we have in the other area, we're asking for 15% and only where the Highway Engineer has declared them to be able to carry that type of a load.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney and then Senator Simpson.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I want to be in favor of this bill. Now I had a similar bill a year ago, and so I made a very careful study of this whole situation and visited with the highway department for several days on this very situation. And I'd like to give just one illustration which is to the point. We have say in southwestern Nebraska the opportunity to take our beets from the piles into Colorado. Colorado says bring them over at the increased weight. That's fine. But they can't do it sometimes. Because we can't travel that one mile, or in some cases on Nebraska roads until we get to Colorado or the ten or twenty miles on Nebraska roads. Some cases there's no bridges involved at all. And so it just is necessary if we wish to try to take care of this energy crisis that they do all they can to make it possible to deliver these beets from the pile into say Colorado where the sugar refinery is. And of course there are other illustrations. But this just gives one illustration and this bill is very essential.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move to indefinitely postpone 941 (signed) Senator Richendifer.

PRESIDENT: We have before us the motion to indefinitely postpone 941. Senator Richendifer.