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SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I think probably the motion speaks for itself we don't need anymore weight on our roads than we have right now. Senator Whitney has a problem out in the western part of the state in going into Colorado. I realize this, but still its class legislation. We have 85,000 lbs. and anyone -that contest this I would like to have them stand up and speak. Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado may have a greater amount of weight. This is..Senator Whitney might challenge me on this, but we do have adequate weights in the State of Nebraska. And we do not need class legislation. No one has ever thought what it would cost to re-build a road in energy. So we're not really saving anything from that standpoint. So, I move the motion.'

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson, and then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I wonder if Senator Burbach would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Burbach, yield?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Burbach my book doesn't have a committee report. I wonder if you could just tell me who came and appeared in behalf of the bill and who opposed it.

SENATOR BURBACH: As I recall. It's not in my book either. But as I recall no one came in support of the bill or in opposition. I believe this is right. There were two bills heard that day. Mr. Larry Strobel of the Highway Department was there and he answered technical questions along this line. He did not take a stand for or against. I might say that earlier I had talked to the State Engineer and he referred me to Mr. Strobel and he told me about the safety of the 15% for the bridges and for the roads under certain conditions, frozen conditions. But at this hearing I don't recall ..Senator Kremer isn't here either..but I don't recall that anyone appeared for or against.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 941. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I'm really concerned that this body is against class legislation. I can even recall at times when we passed legislate pertaining to undertaker. And I found no objection in that field then. I never heard of a bill here which didn't affect class legislation. It's a strange argument. Now..now as I understand Senator Burbach. He indicated that the State Engineer, Mr. Strobel indicated the bill is workable. And they have the prime and almost the sole responsibility under this bill if it passes in order to see that the permits do not do any damage to the roads of the State of Nebraska. Now I fail to understand how there can be any particular objection to this bill. Now if we were making them do something against their better will and judgement, yes. But we're not. As I understand the bill these people who ought to know more about it than anybody else than any member of this body are going to have the sole jurisdiction whether the permit is issued or whether it isn't. And certainly I would