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at my driveway. If I lived in a city the size of North Platte and they picked it up at my driveway and they had twenty-five percent over the 18,000 pounds, you couldn't penalize them for it. They certainly are going to be able to haul more than the roads were built for.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Keyes, this bill would allow a twenty-five percent overload on an axle weight not on the total gross weight and it has nothing to do with the city streets. It has to do with the federal highway system from the first class cities to the burial ground. Now what happens on the city streets will happen according to the city ordinance, in your case in the City of Omaha or Sarpy County, whichever you live in.

SENATOR KEYES: I think you are getting us hoodwinked on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, the Chair didn't get a chance to welcome Mr. Francis Rezek from Lincoln who is a friend of Senator Marsh who is in the South balcony. So this will be in the Journal. Now, Senator Vickers, do you wish to be recognized on the motion to advance the bill?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President, fellow members, I think possibly a few comments need to be made for this particular piece of legislation. In regard to the overweight permit for these garbage trucks, the problem as presented to us in committee was simply that they have no other choice. The way these trucks are built and constructed with the automatic loading mechanism on the back of the truck, even though they are only partially filled at that particular time of the year when they are asking for the overweight permit with the large amounts of green grass clippings from the lawns of the various residential neighborhoods, they are overweight at that point in time simply because the mechanism that loads the trucks loads from the back, thus it hangs way back past the back axle contributing to the weight on the axle plus the fact that the truck is compacted from the back forward so that as the compaction of the truck or the load takes place, the extreme weight of the load is hanging clear to the back which causes them to be overweight even though they are not fully loaded at all. It is a Catch 22 type situation these garbage trucks find themselves in. I suppose for the benefit of Senator Keyes or other people that are concerned about the extra weight that they might have on their driveways and so forth, the obvious answer is to not cut your grass or at least not rake it up and not pile it out there for