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SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, to summarize the committee amendments, Senator Hoagland of course will explain the bill we are talking about a certain stretch of road, but the committee amendments provide for the Board of Classification of Standard to set standard with public input. That is one of the committee amendments. The other is rather important because it strikes from the original bill the transfer of such roads, a segment of this road that would be classified as a scenic road. It strikes the transfer of such road to local public subdivisions. Now Senator Hoagland may wish to talk more about that but that is what the committee amendments do and I move their adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I guess I have some reservations about this bill in that it establishes another classification of roads called scenic recreation roads in addition to the six classifications in the present law and I do not believe there is any additional funding in the bill. It seems to me that the Highway Commission will then be faced with the problem of providing this additional classification of roads, scenic recreation roads, without any increased funding, therefore, that will draw off funding from some of the other classifications such as rural roads, arterials, local roads and so forth. I would be happy to hear some explanation of that if that premise is not true.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are on the committee amendments. Senator Hoagland, do you want to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the committee amendments rewrite the bill, refine it considerably. I should note at the outset that Senator Keyes is a cosponsor of this particular bill and Senator Keyes and Senator Warner and I have worked out some additional amendments to the committee amendments which we are going to have published and will present on Select File. Because of the rules that we are following today we are not asking this body to adopt those today. Now with respect to the issue that Senator Lamb raised, I think what I will do is throw them all over to Senator Warner who was one of the persons that worked out the highway classification road system back in the '60s and early '70s. If there are any other questions about what this particular bill does I would be pleased to address those.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members, I would like to