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their position is.

SENATOR MURPHY: The Department of Roads does not have a position on a bill that would add a classification change in the highway department?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Not to my knowledge, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a question or two. This new classification, how would you designate this new classification, simply as recreation roads or State of Nebraska? They would be state roads, would they not?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, they are still state roads, Senator Rumery, and right now under the State Highway System, we have classification of roads such as interstate, expressway, major arterial, other arterial, collector and local. This would add a seventh classification for the State Highway System.

SENATOR RUMERY: What would be the advantage of this?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Currently, Senator Rumery, each of these various classifications has to be built according to certain standards, standards which involve the width of the shoulder and so forth. Now we do have some roads that go through environmentally attractive parts of the state where building a road to the higher classification, for instance, major arterial, would require destroying a number of trees, destroying bluffs that come up close to the road and so forth. The specific purpose of this particular bill is to permit a highway to be built to give access to the new Schramm Park Recreational Area in Senator Keyes District, Senator Keyes is a cosponsor of this bill, incidentally, to permit a road to be built there along existing dirt roadway, roadbed without having to take out dozens and dozens of trees as the current Highway Department plans propose. Now the reason those plans propose taking those trees out is because the road has to be built according to the stringent specifications for sixty-five or seventy mile an hour roads. This would permit the Department of Roads to build a highway according to thirty or thirty-five mile an hour specification so they wouldn't have to take the trees out to put it along