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LB 492

SENATOR KAHLE: Just to add a little more, this is one reason why I wonder if it will be used to a great extent under present conditions but we thought the counties should have the option if they wanted to do that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The discussion is on the Kahle amendment to LB 492. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I guess this question will relate to the amendment as well as the bill itself. I would like to ask Senator Kahle a question. Senator Kahle, I know we have been receiving information how extensive the problem is with relation to bridges that are insufficient to carry today's loads and so on, is this a pretty serious thing, as far as you know?

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Kremer, I think it is very serious. I don't think this is going to solve it as long as we have the seven percent lid, but if there is a real critical condition and the people in the community see that condition, they would be able to vote these bonds. Now Senator Nichol just mentioned that we probably would be helping them more if this was outside of the seven percent lid but I don't believe that I am in any position now to try to blow that lid off, so this would be within the seven percent.

SENATOR KREMER: That was the reason for my question, is it serious enough so maybe it ought to blow the lid off?

SENATOR KAHLE: If you would want to put that amendment on, I would certainly support it.

SENATOR KREMER: I don't want you to put words in my mouth. Thank you, Senator Kahle.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to close on your amendment? Do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think everything has been said and I am sure you all have the same concerns. Perhaps if there are enough of you who feel that this should be over and above the seven percent lid, which is really the only way it is going to help a great deal, perhaps we could talk about this and do something about it on Select File. Right now I think it is a tool that possibly could be used to help a terribly bad situation, in my estimation. I know in my own district we have just dozens of bridges that are not fit to hold the traffic that we are putting on them. So with that in mind, I move that this amendment be adopted.