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LB 408

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, when the Public Works Committee heard this bill we heard it in really a new draft and the new draft we heard it in this way. It does allow for testing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Roads with respect to overweight, overwidth and overlength vehicles. Many of the senators knew about this. Although the statement of intent was not changed it should have been. But what the bill that we are discussing now provides for a testing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Roads with respect to overweight and overlength vehicles. That is what the bill does. Now the amendment adopted by the committee was this. That language had to be put in to see that it would not jeopardize federal funds. That is the amendment. So I move now the adoption of the amendment. It merely provides that the federal funds would not be jeopardized because of overweight. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Kremer, I read this bill, the green copy, and from reading the green copy I don't see what the bill is originally designed to do. I think I understand your committee amendments but the committee amendments appear to involve much more than a mere change as to results of a testing program. The committee amendments in effect are a rewrite of the entire bill and I don't understand at all what the bill in its original form was about or what it does, and before I know whether I want to change that I have to know what the green copy was about. I can't tell that from reading it.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, Senator Cullan, I will take a shot at it. As originally drafted, LB 408 would eliminate the requirement for special oversized load permits from the Department of Roads, that the load be reduced and disassembled to the smallest size possible. Granting of such permits would remain completely discretionary with the Department. If the proposed amendment appearing in the 1982 Journal on page 571 is adopted, this restriction would be left exactly as it is and a whole new section outlining the new grounds for granting an oversized load permit would be added. This Department would be able to issue special permits to test. Now we are getting into the testing part of it. So we leave the law exactly as it was but it would allow a testing program under the jurisdiction again of the Department of Roads and that is