

obnoxious or burdensome to anybody because it is exactly what they claim they are doing. It just puts it into law so that maybe somebody in a particular situation does have the ability to go to the Department of Roads and say, now, listen, I can't even get into my place or my customers are being completely shut off, I think you should follow the law. And it would maybe give that little bit of leverage necessary to accomplish that. I talked to the League of Municipalities representative here in the last 24 hours. They said they had no problem with the amendment. I haven't heard directly from the Department of Roads but it is exactly what they testified is their policy. So I would urge adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, did you wish to talk to the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, if I may please. Senator DeCamp has already explained them and I just would like to add that this would not be the first time that we did put into a statute specific language relative to what is now accepted practice and it is not the only time that the committee will be bringing a bill to you this session which does basically the same thing. The reason I believe it is desirable to have that language in the statute is that it precludes the possibility that an overstate employee or an overambitious employee in the agency or the department from trying to read into the law something which is not there. Most of us are either in business or we are acquainted with business men and women who have found their businesses damaged as a result of construction projects. We recognize that this is inevitable to a certain extent but it is also the responsibility of this Legislature to mitigate that damage as much as possible. I would also move for the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. We have an amendment to the amendments. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler, you did have an amendment printed in the Journal. I understand you wish to withdraw that one, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend