

attempting to define the word "reasonable". I think it would slow down the project unnecessarily. I don't think this kind of legislation is needed. I know of one case in a community on a state highway, Highway 30, where a contractor come in and honestly made an attempt to, four lane, divided facility, eight blocks in length and he spent all of one summer season trying to build that highway, and it was not equipment or the lack of equipment, it was not the lack of workmen, but the kind heavenly Father decided that that community needed some rain and it continued to rain the whole blamed summer season. Now I realize that we start putting words into this amendment, words to attempt to define how many working days are needed to construct a job, we get into real serious trouble. I think most of you know that when you lay down concrete it takes a little while to get the grade properly prepared. It takes a little while to get the forms set, to get the base prepared, and, ladies and gentlemen, it takes in most cases a minimum of seven days for that concrete to cure before you can let traffic on it. So it is real difficult for us to attempt to write this all into legislation and make it digestible for everybody. I would suggest that we forget about LB 179. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Higgins, but just a moment. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, we have the talks this morning and we would surely appreciate it if you would hold it down so we can hear the speakers. It does sort of get out of control this morning. Thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Beutler and I have been discussing what is reasonable and I told Senator Beutler that in commercial insurance they have what we call business interruption insurance only it does not apply in something like this. You can buy business interruption for fire or tornado, things like that, but you can't buy business interruption, to my knowledge, if the state or the county or the city comes along and tears up the road. So they have formulas for what a person can buy to recoup their losses while they are torn up after a fire or a tornado. In my estimation if we would define the term "reasonable" as returning to the business owner his daily cost of doing business, in other words while his road is torn up and people are unable to get there, he still has to pay the insurance on the building and the liability. He still has to pay the taxes every day. If he hopes to reopen with experienced help, he has to carry on a payroll. So