

as it exists right now as amended, I did want to say for purposes of legislative intent that with regard to interpreting the language "reasonable," as was in my amendment, that I would say that it was my intent and ask the courts to look at the interpretation given to the Department of Roads present existing rule, that is that they shall provide access to the extent practicable, that they should look to that as precedent. It would be my intention that their current behavior on this question should serve as precedent in interpreting the language of the bill in its current form. With that, I would end, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I, too, rise to oppose the amendment for basically the same reasons that Senator Beutler just pointed out. It seems to me that the language in the bill right now as amended by Senator Beutler a little bit earlier makes a reasonable bill out of LB 179, one that I think is good public policy, one that this body had ought to adopt. And I understand the concern of Senator DeCamp to try to meet a resolution of this...to reach a resolution of this disagreement, but it seems to me that the bill, as it is right now, is in good shape and I would urge Senator DeCamp and others to try to get the bill through as it is right now. It makes more sense than the amendment does to me.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I will withdraw the amendment then. I thought there was still some reluctance on the bill and Senator Beutler is satisfied. He was the one I spent the last two days trying to satisfy. If he is satisfied with the original bill, far be it from me to try to go any further. I will withdraw it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any objection to the withdrawal of the amendment? If not, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, just a moment, please. We have a special guest with us today, Mr. Freeman Decker of Wayne, Nebraska, a guest of Senator Conway, and Mr. Decker was the last State Superintendent of Schools and the first Commissioner of Education. He is currently a City Councilman in Wayne and he is under the north balcony. Would you please rise and be welcomed by the Legislature,