

the bill. That would lay it over unless the introducer agrees to take it up at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, what is your wish?

SENATOR DECAMP: My wish is that he withdraw it, but we will take it up since he won't.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Proceed, Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Well, I don't think I want to withdraw it because I am really opposed to the bill and I would like to express myself accordingly.

PRESIDENT: Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, this bill sounds good on the surface but it is a can of worms as far as I am concerned. I feel that the highway department at the present time is doing what they are trying to do in this bill and they are doing a pretty good job. I have had some experience on Highway 81 between York and Stromsburg which was a very difficult situation because we had some very bad weather, the weather didn't work very well, and there was a lot of problems. But I was able to resolve the problems as they came up with the highway department and I think this is the proper way to do it. If you put this in law, then what I call, it's an attorney's paradise. And the way it is written, it is reasonable and all this, that sounds good, but I am sure that business will take advantage of it and hire an attorney to get more money from the road department and from the highway department and this is something we really don't need. We don't need more funds coming out of the highway department when we need the roads and we need the roads in all parts of the state, especially in the Omaha area. And I think that is kind of where the bill is addressed to and I think in the O'Neill area where they had a problem, they finally addressed it accordingly with a bill. I think these things should be worked individually and not try to do something here that will cause a lot of lawsuits and then will cost the contractors money and they will bid higher on the projects. It will cost more to the State of Nebraska and in the long run it will hurt us because we won't get the roads that we need for the State of Nebraska. I just feel that this is something that we don't need and I oppose the bill. I think that is