

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just a minute, Senator Schmit. Now, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator. There is no specific authority in the statutes at the present time to allow for the granting of permits specifically for the moving of a building. The Department of Roads does have broad general authority, as you well know, to issue a permit for the general welfare, but that information, that language is very vague and is not specific and the industry is very interested in having specific language which does allow them authority and which, of course, gives the Department of Roads very specific authority as to what they can limit and how they must limit it, but at the present time in the statute there is only broad general authority and I concur with what the industry felt, that it ought to be specific. And, for example, right now at, I believe at UNO, there are some very large dwellings up there that could perhaps be moved, but there is very deep concern on the part of the city about the potential for damage to the roads or the streets. This bill gives specific authority to the department to allow that, if they so choose, or to the city. It also requires that if there is any damage that the contractor is responsible. I think it takes the language which is vague and makes it specific and I think that is usually in the general interest.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller, please. Excuse me, Senator Warner...Senator Miller, excuse me a moment. Were you through, Senator Warner, with your presentation? Okay. Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: I think I can answer your question, Senator Warner, in that this bill was brought to this body by the house movers and you are correct in stating that there is broad general capacity for the Roads Department to move to give house movers or movers of large objects a permit. However, it was under the auspices of if it's for the general welfare or for the national defense and these regulations govern and actually state what houses...makes the housing industry or the mover of large objects state exactly where they want to go, what the weight is and then the Roads Department is much more able to make an intelligent decision as to whether it will harm the roads or not. I want to assure you, and Lou Lamberty has attested to