

the Legislature, I'm not terribly impressed that people pay damages because the...it's a nice gesture, but many times the damage from overweight vehicles are not going to be apparent for a long period of time. But in view of the discussion, Mr. President, I'd withdraw the kill motion at this point because I think it's been fairly well clarified that this is not intended nor, in fact, does permit any expansion from current law, but only specifically states that this kind of equipment can be eligible for a special permit, but must qualify for all the conditions of overweight and height and length that is necessary for the protection of the public and the roads. So I'll withdraw the kill motion at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the motion is withdrawn and we're back on the bill. Senator Schmit, did you wish to close on the bill, on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think I'll let Senator Miller close on the bill, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Very good. Senator Miller, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR MILLER: This is good legislation in the fact that it does clear up what could have been misinterpreted in the statute and let me tell you how the situation works so we can more fully understand how the system works. I want to move a large object so I come to the Roads Department and tell them that I would like to move a large object and they have to make a decision as to whether I can or not based first of all on whether it is for the general welfare or for the national defense. It would be much better if they would make the decision based on whether it would hurt the roads or not hurt the roads and this bill would make the industry, the mover of large objects industry, come in with the correct weights, come in with where they want to go and then the Roads Department would be better able to make a decision as to whether it's going to harm the roads or not. And I want to assure you and assure Senator Warner specifically because, and myself, that I know that roads are expensive to build and that it would be a real hazard to destroy a road, it would be very costly. But this assures that the Roads Department can make a better decision and does not limit their control at all over what they had before. It gives them more information to make a better decision.