

of you have things in there. Probably made a mistake, should have asked for a division of the question on the one amendment, obviously, because that was designed to appeal to a vote here and there. But it is a bad, bad bill now. I constantly hear concerns about gas tax in recent days, all session. I have that concern, but I'm not going to stand and defend...I can promise you I will not stand and defend any tax increase on more users if in the same session we are going to substantially increase the damage to the roads and increase costs even further. I understand, as we all understand, that you can always let roads go to pot because it never shows up for five, six, seven years. It's like a roof on a building. You can always defer the roof for two, three, four years, except the damage that occurs under that roof is the same kind of similar situation that the damage that occurs from overweight vehicles shows up later. I would hope that you'd recognize what this bill has become and indefinitely postpone it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would, of course, have to rise to oppose the motion to kill. I understand Senator Warner's concern. He has legitimate concerns. I would just like to remind the body that it has never been my position to deny any member of this body the right to amend a bill that I have introduced. You couldn't do it anyway if 25 of you want to do it. I'd like to remind you that 26 people voted to add Senator Haberman's amendment. It seems to me to be a little bit unfair if 26 people overload my bill with an amendment and then use that as a reason for killing the bill. I think Senator Haberman would agree that if you are going to do that then he would probably be the first to say take his amendment off. But I would suggest also that there are redeeming factors in this bill. First and foremost, of course, was the original reason for its introduction. I'm sure many of you have read the papers and read the letters to the editor in the last few weeks, people who speak with great concern about the destruction, the demolition of some of the historical mansions on the Omaha University campus. Those houses and mansions are being destroyed because at the present time there is no way to move them. We all know that weight is a factor when you go to moving anything over the highways. Also speed is a factor. That is why we have limited the speed, on this portion of the bill in which I am