

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Warner, Mr. Lamberty did appear before the Public Works Committee on February 1, 1985 and did not oppose the bill. He was in favor of the bill if it was reduced to 15 percent. Also, members of the body, the Department of Roads, the Nebraska State Patrol and the county still have the authority to deny an overweight permit. They can deny it if they deem it necessary. So, therefore, I ask you not to indefinitely postpone the bill. And I again will repeat that Mr. Lamberty did appear in person and did support reducing it to 15 percent as what the bill says, 15 percent. I again will repeat, the agencies do have the right to deny these permits. Damage to the roads, there are 55,751 miles of gravel roads and 5,000 miles of paved roads, so you can draw your own conclusion as to what it is going to cost if there is any damage, which roads are they going to travel on. So, therefore, as far as killing the bill due to the amendment, I ask you not to do that. It is a good bill. It is going to help agriculture and there is not...the department of highways are not opposed to this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Miller, then Senator Beyer.

SENATOR MILLER: Both of my points were made, one by Senator Schmit and the other by Senator Haberman. I'll reiterate once more that Lou Lamberty was not opposed to even this amendment. And as I understand it he is...you are shaking your head no, Jerry. The other point is that if, in fact, you don't want this amendment on this bill, you should kill this attempt to kill, not pass it, and then amend this amendment out of the bill. If there is any question, and Jerry Warner would you answer a question? You say that Mr. Lamberty has...does he have a question about any other portion of this bill besides this amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: I believe, Senator Miller, if you look at the record what the Department of Roads appeared on was the 15 percent as opposed to 25 percent overweight. I don't believe that most of the other things in here were a factor at the hearing. Certainly garbage trucks extending I don't recall. There was another bill...or designee, which opens it up wide open.