

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'll wait until after Senator Sieck speaks.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I know Senator Haberman wants to hear what I say so he can counteract it, but that's fine. I'm real concerned about opening this up as they have. He also put in there that it allows commercial trucks, you can hire someone which would open it up to commercial trucks, no doubt about it. That is really opening it up for abuse. As far as he said the counties can say whether to give a permit or not, well, in York County we do have a lot of blacktop roads, but they are not heavy. If you open up the state, they are going to use those county roads. Sure, occasionally, somebody will get caught and they'll realize I got a permit. Well, if the county says no they don't have a permit on the county roads. But what you do, you are opening it up to those people to get on those roads, and they are going to do it. We've got to protect those roads, protect the property tax. That is what provides those roads in that particular area. I'd like to see a lot more of those roads in Seward County, but we can't because of the bridge problem that we have in the Seward County area. We're replacing them. But if you run across the bridge with three ton bridge capacity and have a five ton or ten ton load, you are in trouble. The bridge will weaken and we'll lose it. Then we again have a cost. We've got to recognize this. I think we are really opening up something here that we should not be doing. I'm going to have to support Senator Lynch's reconsidering amendment because I think it is real important that we take that off. We can then allow Senator Schmit's bill to move. I did visit with the highway department just shortly. The highway department did say that they committed themselves to the 15 percent, but not to everything that is in that amendment, no way. They said now they would just as soon have the whole bill killed because they really don't need the whole bill. But for the sake of maybe moving one building, maybe moving two buildings we do need something like this. So I've got to recognize that. But if we don't get this amendment off, I'm going to vote against the whole bill. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Sieck, while you are on your feet,