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there have been some injuries and even deaths with their road crew working out in construction areas when traffic is going by. One of the problems they have is they really have no way of enforcing the speed limit requirements through those construction zones. What this does...this bill does, it writes into the statute a 35 mile per hour speed limit through construction zones with the option of the director of the department or the district engineer upping that speed limit if they determine it is safe, by 5 mile per hour increments. In other words, you are not going to be down the interstate and just because there is a road...a guy mowing weeds along the side, it is not going to be a 35 mile per hour speed limit. So they can raise them above 35 if the circumstances allow it. But it does give them an opportunity to enforce these rules. I urge your passage of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. LB 437.

CLERK: LB 437 by Senator Withem. (Read title.) It was first read on January 21, referred to Public Works, advanced to General File. There are Public Works committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, the committee amendments provide that the prohibition against following snowplows too closely shall not apply to a vehicle which is overtaking or passing the snowplow. This is the same provision which is in the other sections which relate to prohibiting the following of too closely. It was an error in the original draft. That's all and I would move you would...urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.