

SENATOR SIECK: Another vehicle. That doesn't describe the vehicle then.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, another vehicle, a snowplow would be another vehicle, yes.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, it does...as I read it, I felt it was just another automobile that you could pass, but the snowplow would be different than an automobile and I wanted to be sure that an individual could pass that snowplow.

SENATOR WITHEM: It is my understanding that the intent of the bill is to allow that passage, yes.

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, real fine, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I don't intend to raise a big issue here on consent calendar with this bill but I do want to point out to you, first of all, I don't intend to vote for this bill now or on Select File or on Final Reading because I have some real problems with saying that our general rules for the road, which says that you should not follow, if you will read the first part of the bill, that the driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent and such driver shall have due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon the...and the condition of the highway. The two-second rule that we have all been taught and that is, in fact, if I recall correctly, in our motor vehicle booklet that you read before you get your driver's license. It seems to me that that rule is the correct rule and it shouldn't make any difference if you are driving a truck following another truck or if you are driving a car following another car, or a car following a snowplow. Now don't be mislead, this doesn't apply just to snowplows. Read the bill. It says, any highway maintenance vehicle that is displaying a flashing amber or white light. Now I saw those things going down the road at 55 miles an hour with their light flashing. Now, what we are doing is creating a separate distance for a specific type of vehicle and I am not sure that is a good idea. Maybe we should include in there...I have been out on the highway with a tractor with various pieces of equipment behind it. Maybe we should include in there you had not to follow a tractor