

with their vehicle, or perhaps a contractor working on the roads that doesn't happen to be a maintenance Department of Roads vehicle. They may have flashing lights as well. But now we are saying that simply because it is an orange pickup, and I assume we painted it orange to draw your attention to it a little more, and I have sympathy for those people working out on the roads, but I'll tell you what the ones we ought to be more concerned about are the guys wearing the orange vests out there, even more concerned than the orange vehicles perhaps. But it seems to me that to adopt a policy that says we are going to follow a vehicle, a specific kind of a vehicle, with a specific distance, regardless of the fact that it might only be going 5 miles an hour you're going to have to stay back 100 feet, or 300 feet, as opposed to the 2 second rule, is ridiculous. I suspect that there are not too many people that want to indefinitely postpone this bill because they, quite frankly, aren't even paying any attention I think. But I can tell you that I'm going to have fun with this bill if you don't postpone it...indefinitely postpone it because there are all kinds of other amendments that can be applied if that concept is going to be followed, the concept of a certain vehicle you have to follow a certain distance as opposed to the normal 2 second rule. Why should a Department of Roads vehicle be any different than a farmers pickup? Maybe we ought to have a specific distance of a pickup with a farm license on it. You know sometimes we get a little erratic in the way we drive. Sometimes we start gawking at the fields and aren't watching what we're doing. Sometimes we driver slower, perhaps, than the traffic. And, yes, sometimes people come up on us pretty fast. Maybe we ought to have a specific exemption for tractors pulling farm equipment. Maybe we ought to have a specific exemption for perhaps the contractors I mentioned earlier, or towing vehicles. I think the whole concept is wrong. Read the current statute. The current statute is adequate if the law is enforced. And if we start this process of making an exemption for certain types of vehicles I don't know where you are going to stop. Again, I have sympathy for the Department of Roads vehicles. One of the arguments that I've heard by the proponents of this is, well, we've got to have some mechanism to keep people from following a snowplow too close, a snowplow with a sand spreader on the back of it. Well, if you are stupid enough to drive right up behind a sand spreader, and get sand spread all over the front of your vehicle or your windshield, you are pretty dumb anyhow