

with the amendment on it, it certainly is a wide open thing now. There was a time we used to do this to help the farmer. You aren't helping the farmer now, you're helping out the commercial trucks and you might as well face it. I understand they've all been back there lobbying for it because they can make more money if they can do more damage to the road with a bigger load, we all know that. I know I stand up here frequently and argue roads. I defend their funding. I've introduced many of the bills that increased the costs. And I don't intend to just idly sit by and watch those costs go up on everyone on the assumption that we are passing something that is helping somebody that is not needed. It is one thing to open the door to let something in. It is a whole different thing to take the whole end out of the barn. That is what you are in the process of. I hope you vote to indefinitely postpone the bill. It is not needed. It is damaging. It is going to increase the costs of government. It sets a precedent to which you will have a...well you've got two, three more bills in here, as a matter of fact, to even extend it to something else. It is the same old accumulative consequences that we get ourselves in trouble with all the time, accumulative consequences on some of our tax and spending problems, accumulative consequences of passing a number of little things, each by itself seemed harmless, or at least not significant, then we end up with the tremendous gaps that we have between revenue and receipts because of those accumulative consequences. This is the same process. I'd urge you to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Haberman is next, then Senator Abboud. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't know where Senator Warner got his 50 percent damage figures, but I guess you can come up with any kind of figures you want to. However, the present bill, the present law on overweight permits allow a 25 percent, it allows 25 percent presently. It says general welfare, public construction, or an agricultural land treatment, so the present bill that we have now allows that. We've reduced this to 15 percent. As far as the not helping the farmers, look at your sheet, and we are saving them that kind of money and you cannot deny that. That is a direct saving, more money for them, more money for them to put in the community. The county board, the county board has the