

roads and it is unquestionably a fact that overweight vehicles and particularly tandem axles will give more damage overweight than can be justified for the purpose that the bill supposedly has. I would urge that you return the bill and limit it to the thing, to the item that was most frequently discussed, which was sugar beets, and not expand the authorization to be overweight where there is no need and where there can only be substantial damage to roads which we already know have substantial backlog of cost for their maintenance and we are only going to accelerate the deterioration even though it is limited to 70 miles. It makes no sense to me at all, absolutely no sense at all that this is expanded to commercial trucks and that is what it does. You eliminated single axles which probably 75 percent of the farmers would have with a farm license and I would urge that...and since they don't qualify anyway, and I would urge that the bill be returned and this amendment be adopted which reflects the arguments that I heard most frequently was the need for something on sugar beets.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman and the speaking order is Senator Nichol, Rod Johnson and Senator Schmit. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I won't take too much of your time. We have hashed this and rehashed this bill. I would like to call to your attention those who appeared in favor of it was Lou Lamberty, Director of Roads; Norma Hall, the wife involved in farming. There were no opponents except one, it was Senator Warner. I checked with the Department of Roads this morning. They have no fight with the bill the way it is. We have lowered it from 25 percent to 15 percent and I don't think this is the time we need to rehash and start going through this over and over and over because we have touched every item in this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think we should adopt the amendment and proceed with the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I, too,