

there is no reason that we can't wait another year. There are beet haulers up in my area and in Senator Scofield's area and Senator Nichol's area that they are experiencing some financial difficulties and they need this bill because then they can haul these beets and they can save, I think the figures were up to 400 and some thousand dollars to the producers themselves that they can save. I think that Senator Warner has addressed the fact that the Attorney General said that there couldn't be a case made that beets were a special crop and Senator Warner and I have talked about this and I think that that's totally erroneous. I'm not sure that anybody in the Attorney General's Office, even the person that wrote it, has probably ever even seen a sugar beet so he probably hasn't any idea of the difference in sugar beets and some of the other crops that are raised because the difference is that the sugar beets have a deterioration factor and stuff the longer they lay in the piles, so there is a definite difference in the two. So I would just urge you to reject this motion and to go ahead and pass the bill in its present form. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, we fought this bill over and over and over and I'm just going to call to your attention that the Department of Roads, Nebraska State Patrol, the counties, they all have to give their permission to use these roads. If they don't give their permission, you can't use them. If they've got a bridge, they're going to say no. There is no opposition to the bill and I would ask you not to return the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. I think, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Baack has pretty adequately explained the problem we face out there. It is a situation that is unique to sugar beets. I appreciate Senator Warner's concern, but I think given the financial circumstances those folks are facing, I think this is a reasonable solution and it is not a terribly broad bill. It has been narrowed down sufficiently. Had we had the time I certainly would not have opposed the amendment that we've discussed time and time again to specifically limit this to sugar beets, but I think under the circumstances now we should simply pass the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to close?