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LB 310, 585

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 585, Senator Smith, E & R amendments first of all. (AM7094, Legislative Journal page 2072.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the adoption of E & R amendments to LB 585.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the adoption of E & R amendments to LB 585. Those in favor say aye. Those oppose nay. The amendments are agreed to.

CLERK: Senator Hudkins, AM0955. (AM0955, Legislative Journal page 1166.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open on AM0955.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. AM0955 is actually the old LB 310. This idea was brought to me by the Weston Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, and it was their request that we address a dangerous situation in that when they are out on a traffic accident call, a rescue call, and it becomes necessary for them to temporarily close a road or close the highway for those personnel to do their work, there have been instances, and one in particular, where a semi completely blew through their temporary road closed. So they came to me and asked me if I could introduce legislation to address the safety of these people working for our safety. So what we came up with was LB 310. It was heard by the...forgot which committee, it doesn't matter, but...Transportation, thank you, and I'm on the committee. It did come out of the committee on a 7-0 vote. It was amended, however. When the bill first was talked about, I had requested that the penalty for going through a temporary stop...closed sign that it would be willful reckless driving. The county attorneys were reluctant to charge this serious a penalty and so we have changed it. The amendment to the...the LB 310 would have changed this violation of the law to a Class III misdemeanor which gives you much less of a penalty. So that is how it stands now. If you go through an