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LB 82

Senator Janssen and Senator Baker, Senator Smith, you have been authorized to carry LB 82. You are recognized to open.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. LB 82 is a bill that was brought by Senator Janssen to the Transportation Committee and, as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, I rise in favor of the concepts of LB 82. We had some discussion in committee, but it relates to...the bill would exempt emergency vehicles from width, height, length, weight, and load restrictions, and it would also exempt an authorized agency vehicle or a vehicle being operated by a manufacturer or sales agent for purposes of sale, demonstration, exhibit, or delivery as an authorized emergency vehicle from the width restrictions of 102 inches; the height restriction of 14 feet, 6 inches; length restrictions in 60-6,290; and the load restrictions in 60-6,294; and the bill contains the emergency clause. And that's the basic gist of the opening and I would save comments to the committee amendments for subsequent introduction, if the Chair would advise. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. As Vice Chair of the committee, Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 82.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Committee amendment, AM0666, replaces the bill. The committee amendment exempts authorized emergency vehicles operated by police and fire departments from the size and weight limitations. An emergency vehicle is exempt from the weight limitation in 60-6,294 if the requirements of 60-6,298 are met. Under the changes, a permit may be issued for an operation of an emergency vehicle for purposes of sale, demonstration, exhibit, or delivery if the applicant or their designee is a manufacturer or sales agent of the emergency vehicle. No permit shall be issued for an emergency vehicle which weighs over 60,000 pounds on a tandem axle. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 82. Now open for discussion on those amendments. Senator Smith.