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This is an agreement that I took from the Public Works Committee. Therefore I hope that you will simply change the language to simply accomodate the wishes of the Department of Roads in this regards.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bereuter a question please. Senator Bereuter, first of all I guess here we go again. Would you explain to me just what is involved in the bill board proposal that you are talking about here at this time.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Well the Federal Government has mandated clearing signs that are visible from the interstate. I don't agree with it, I think that most of us don't. Were saying hat if at some later time either this session or next session were forced to pass such a bill, that first we want to make sure that the department of roads clears out the signs within 660 feet before they go off the deep end and begin spending money on those beyond 660 feet. Therefore I think that you would agree with it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to ask another question. Do we have legislation before the body at this time with reference to compliance with the federal mandate? Is that true?

SENATOR BEREUTER: LB213 which is not underlined. Is alive and it would accomplish this. So this offers to the Public Works Committee the assurance, and the other Senators that even if 213 is passed, were not going to spend money taking those off if they are not beyond 669 feet until we have accomplished the job within 660 feet which I guess would be another year or two.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Has the federal mandate which now extends beyond 660 feet, does that represent a distinct change in their policy from what they established earlier when they set 660 feet as the limit?

SENATOR BEREUTER: A very distinct change that moves it far beyond and I would think that you would have some questions that I have about it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think that it just points out once again that you never quit on these things. It is 660 feet now then it goes beyond that and apparently one of these days it will be as far as the eye can see.

PRESIDENT: Senato Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I question if you can do this in the budget bill. I'm wondering if this should go on 213 just like it is supposed too. I would like to ask a question of Senator Marvel. Senator Marvel do you know whether or not such an amendment to this bill would be allowable in the budget bill? It would seem to me that your combining two subjects. One that has to do with the Public Works Committee and a bill into the budget bill. Do you have any ideas as to whether or not we can accept this amendment and still have a pure budget bill?