

rather difficult to understand and you have to have a truck weights diagram before you to understand the interior bridge law that has brought about this situation. Now we did check with the Department of Roads. They did not have any objection. They discussed very briefly the turning radius but felt it would not be a problem in Nebraska if we went to the sixty five foot extreme length. I did check with former Senator Jack Mills who represents the counties now and asked if the counties had any objection. He said, "I know of none", however, I will check further and if you allow the bill to go on to Select File, if we have a problem, I will let you know about it. Now with that explanation and the explanation that is on the diagrams that I laid on your desk, I think that this is all the comments that I have at the present time. I will try to answer any questions that may be on your mind.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have a number of points that I would like to make and then I would like to ask Senator Kremer for some further information. As a member of the Public Works Committee I was able to sit in on the hearing on this bill and Senator Kremer was absolutely right. It is very confusing. It is difficult to understand and even as a member of the committee I am not really sure what the bill is trying to do. My concerns are twofold. The first is, what about the safety involved. The question I have is, you increase the lengths, what about the safety factors? Does that increase the potential problems on the highways with longer trucks and maneuverability and what have you, so I wonder about the safety problems and that has not been I think, fully looked into. My other question and probably the most important one is, what does this do to the roads? The roads and highways in Nebraska are in serious trouble right now and we have talked about the great amount of money that we are going to need to improve our roads system in Nebraska. Part of the problem and perhaps the most serious part of the problem is these large trucks and the damage that they can do to our highway system and what we are doing in this bill from what I can tell is increasing the maximum load possibilities for trucks. I think that that portends some dangers to our highway system and I think that before we pass this bill, I think we have to seriously consider, well what effect does that have on our highways. I don't have the full information. I don't have the answers but I think we have to raise this question. My question to Senator Kremer if you would yield, Senator Kremer? What