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that are coming out of Weeping Water carrying the maximum with a pup trailer behind. Now if we allow them five feet more in there and as I understand it now they do not reach the 20,000 per axle. Or if we allow them the 20,000 per axle how much...are we going to allow them another five tons or how many more tons are we going to allow them to go down the road with?

SENATOR KREMER: They can never go over the 20,000 of the 34,000 no matter what length they are.

SENATOR KEYES: But they can't reach that now

SENATOR KREMER: They can't reach that now because of the sixty foot limitation we have in Nebraska and this would allow them...they lack 2,000 pounds of reaching that limit because of the Nebraska interior bridge law.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words when we allow them to lengthen out we are going to say to the people of the State of Nebraska we are allowing the trucks of this state to increase the amount of weight that they can put on your roads this spring when the frost goes out on that hill south of Zeorian's there on Highway 50, they are going to start crumpling that cement, not crumpling it but they are going to start buckling it and we are going to find that the bridges that are in the State of Nebraska are going to be able, because of the extra length and because they are going to be able to go the legal limit now, they are going to be carrying that much more across the bridges. I understand Congress has appropriated I don't know how many billion dollars to take care of bridges and here we are in Nebraska permitting them to carry more and surely the extra weight is going to show up on the bridges on county roads and state roads especially.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator, once more I imagine 95% of the trucks now are hauling that full weight. We are not talking about increasing the weight, only for the few trucks that have come under the present Nebraska law.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members of the body, I too, am a member of the Public Works Committee and as Senator Wesely said this is a rather complicated issue. However, to help Senator Kremer along a little bit I will attempt to describe to the members of this body exactly what we are talking about. It has been mentioned that this bill is directed at agricultural and to some degree