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LB 873

SENATOR HABERMAN: Has any investigation been made as to what this will do to the county road system? If the bill did to the state highway system what the State Highway Department says, what will it do to the counties? Will it force them to add thousands of miles to their systems and they don't have the money or the wherewithal to do this.

SENATOR KEYES: This is a state road, state highway improvement might use money to improve any road in the state if they deem it necessary. There are six men on the Highway Commission and I don't think they are going to go out, Senator Haberman, and improve any road that doesn't have a just cause to be done...to be done, and it won't hurt this... it won't add another mile to the state system or another mile to the county systems or another mile to the city system unless the Highway Commissioners approve it, and I have a lot of confidence in them. I shouldn't, but I do.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I think you lost your confidence in them by bringing your bill back then, didn't you?

SENATOR KEYES: No, I will accept the amendments. I hope you accept the amendment, and then it will allow them to improve a road. Maybe it's only a half a mile that they need to go from a highway to a recreation area, improve it and still be a county road and take care of it.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But you can't answer my question as to whether it will harm or do any damage to the county road system where they are going to have to improve their...or make more county roads.

SENATOR KEYES: If you improve a road that is a county road, you don't harm the county. That would be like putting \$10 in your pocket. I wouldn't hurt your finances.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Keyes.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and colleagues, I bring to your attention again as I had previously that I am of the opinion that the Games and Parks Commission under LB 873 loses their ability to select where a scenic road would be built or would be maintained, and that that authority would now move over to the Highway Department or the Highway Commission rather than the Games and Parks Commission, and I would believe that to be detrimental.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Keyes, do you have anything