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SPEAKER MARVEL: All right, are we ready for Senator Newell? The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise along with Senator Kilgarin and Senator Beyer to introduce a bill, a bill that is, the statement of intent has been passed out. Does the Clerk have one of these very notable...? Could you read the basic state of intent?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, the statement of intent reads as follows: The intent of this legislation is to provide power to the Nebraska State Patrol in cooperation with the State Department of Roads and the Director, State Engineer to prohibit traffic in cases of adverse weather. The bill would also provide for a Class III misdemeanor for any person who fails to obey lawful orders of the Nebraska State Patrol. (Signed) by Senators Newell, Kilgarin and Beyer.

SENATOR NEWELL: If my cointroducers would like to say something that would be fine, if not, that is the way we would like to leave it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of Senator Newell if he would yield.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Have you visited with the Colonel of the State Patrol on this issue?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, he has been visited with on...

SENATOR KOCH: Was he overwhelmed by this proposal?

SENATOR NEWELL: Was he overwhelmed?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes. Overjoyed?

SENATOR NEWELL: Maybe Senator Kilgarin would be a better person to ask that question.

SENATOR KOCH: Because I have had amendments on my desk for a month on the same issue and I think it bothers me that I visited with the State Patrol and he said, well, reluctantly if you people do it over there I suppose I am going to have to enforce it and I have had the amendment drafted, was going to put it on a bill in Public