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the statutes that directly gives this power to any department, you know, like the Department of Roads or to the State Patrol. Apparently the Department of Roads feels they have this power through implication. What we would like to do is set it down in statute so that the power is written down there and is given to the State Patrol. Colonel Kohmetscher has helped with the drafting of this bill and this is the second draft of the bill and he looked over the first draft and came up with suggestions and this is the draft that Colonel Kohmetscher feels would correct the problem that they have right now. I would ask your support in allowing us to introduce this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, perhaps a question of Senator Kilgarin and it may have been answered before but I will ask it again. Do they not have the power to close the road to traffic now?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Senator Kahle, in the statutes now there is nothing that gives them the direct statutory power to close the roads. It is done by implication and I will get a statute book and show you that section, okay?

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay. I know they have done it before. Maybe not because they had the power but because you could not get through if you went any further. Maybe that is the criteria but I, too, as Senator Beer brought up a sore spot with me. I have heard the weather, road reports and I am afraid especially some of our radio people keep repeating those reports even though they may be several hours old and you stay home because the roads are bad or closed and if you have got nerve enough like I usually do to go anyhow you find out that they are clear sailing. So, I really think somebody should be empowered to keep us more up to date than we are now but I thought they had all the power they needed to close highways and to control the traffic during adverse situations and I know I have been stopped several times and have not been able to move on because the road was bad ahead. So I was assuming we had that rule and regulation now and perhaps it is not in statute or it is not being strong enough to really do the job but it sure seems to me that we have all the controls that we need out there. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, I would like to ask either Senator Newell or