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mination and I think it would be ill-conceived to attach an amendment at this point as has already been pointed out this late in the session that could be as significant as this is in trying to make it a workable piece of law and I would suggest that the amendment not be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hate to disagree with Senator Warner but I will on this point because I do think his concern about the fact that this amendment is not clear in terms of public purpose outlines what the Roads Department will look at is incorrect. I think that, in fact, if you will look at the amendment and I assume most of you have a copy, on page 2 of it it goes through quite clearly the five or six different specific items that they have to look at when they determine public interest in terms of allowing these pipelines underneath our right-of-ways in the state and I think that quite clearly when you talk about the different items they have that that is very appropriate and let me go through those very briefly with you. First off I will look at whether installation of such pipelines interferes with or causes unreasonable hazards to the use of the right-of-way for highway purposes. It makes common sense when granting a right-of-way. (b) Whether such pipeline serves the transportation interests and needs of the state. (c) Whether such pipeline will have a significant adverse effect on the quantity or quality of the surface water or groundwater on any aquifer located in whole or in part within Nebraska, certainly a key concern of any coal slurry pipeline proposal. (d) Whether the pipeline can reasonably be expected not to have a significant adverse effect on the state's economy and (e) Whether such pipeline adversely affects the public health and safety of the state. I think the general intent and the goals of that public purpose section are quite clear to me. What we are trying to do is assess whether or not the allowance of a pipeline to this effect to go under our right-of-ways in the State of Nebraska will serve the state or not and I think that the Roads Department would be quite capable of working with other individuals to come to a conclusion and to grant or not to grant a permit. So I think it is clear and I think it is a needed amendment and I think that it is necessary at this time to adopt it and support its goals.

PRESIDENT: Before I go to the next speaker and then I will come back to Senator Nichol. Are you ready to speak? I will want to introduce a guest of Senator Cope's administrative assistant, Jo Forbes, Rolf Sturzenegger from St. Gallen, Switzerland, under the North balcony. Rolf, would

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