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the question of how much authority is delegated. Frequently in the Public Health Committee we find that there are different bills that we have delegating authority that are too broad, and perhaps the question at hand with this bill was that we were too broad in delegating authority and thus gave too much leeway to the Department to make rules that did not follow what we had really intended. And so when I asked Senator Johnson about tightening the law, I still think that is a valid consideration. Perhaps we should go back, reexamine the law and make more specifically what we want to accomplish, but I can't say that that really is necessary because our intent I thought was clear to not do what the Roads Department has proposed but rather to have a more modest approach than what they are suggesting.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have 30 seconds left.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just say at this time that it is important that we at least challenge this question as on the national level it has been challenged and find out in Nebraska whether or not we are able to provide the oversight of rules and regulations that I think is important in carrying out our functions in our state government.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just a couple of questions of Senator Johnson, if I may. And the first one is, I am interested that no one supported the bill in committee. I wonder why that was.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No one did which?

SENATOR LAMB: Supported the bill in committee.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: This bill?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, nobody appeared to....in the committee statement there is no one listed as supporting the bill.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. The reason for that, Senator Lamb, is that the committee frankly regarded the public hearing on this bill as a very pro forma matter inasmuch as the real hearing on the lawfulness of the rules had been held last summer at which time there was a tremendous amount of public testimony.

SENATOR LAMB: The other question deals with some of the items that Senator Wesely was talking about. As I understand