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SENATOR NICHOL: Safe-keeping means where the property will be secured from vandalism. The public will be secure from danger. Basically that is it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well if the headquarters of the truck company is a hundred and fifty miles away does that mean that they can take it to their storage place?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, that does not mean that. For the record, that does not mean that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What language in that amendment precludes that?

SENATOR NICHOL: It doesn't say in the language either that they can't take it to New York City for repair either, but a place of secure safe-keeping does not mean the home base of the trucking company or bus company if that might be the case.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well if my headquarters...I mean how do I secure a vehicle I guess is the point? Do I go out and immediately rent a warehouse someplace or...?

SENATOR NICHOL: Ordinarily in any town of any size you can find someone who will guard it, a garage where you can put it in or a fenced in area where you can place it so that it is not sitting out there in the country for all vandals to come and help themselves or if it is a bus and has people in it, of course, if it is towable sometime they take the bus with it loaded with people to a place where it is reasonable.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you, Senator Nichol. What I am trying to suggest is that the language I don't believe is very definite and that it needs a great deal of clarification to preclude the possibility of towing the vehicle large distances. Now these are overweight vehicles and the Department of Roads has indicated a concern about the increased axle weights. Increased axle weights caused by the towing operations shortens the life of our bridges and pavements. Our state highways have many older bridges of a lighter design that would be further overstressed with the overloading, etc., etc. There is a fiscal impact with this and it is very important that we be clear and limit the exemption as much as possible. I've mentioned the questions just to point out that there are questions. I want to go back again to what I consider an abuse of our process. The amendment that is being proposed today is a twelve page amendment. The amendment that is being proposed today has not been distributed to you. Here we are