

about to adopt a twelve page amendment that none of you have read. You can't possibly have read it because the only copy is right here that I just stole from the Clerk. Not only is it a long amendment but it also has the effect of amending the committee amendments. Just how it amends the amendments already attached to 383 I don't know because I have not had the opportunity to go back and review that but it is something that should be reviewed. I would point out to you that this bill came out of committee without a dissenting vote which means that it will have the opportunity to go through the consent calendar as do all other bills that do not have a dissenting vote. But it should not have the opportunity to advance before those bills for the simple gratuitous reason that there happened to be another bill on the floor of the Legislature which had the same article and chapter number and, therefore, was susceptible to being amended. It just doesn't make sense at all in terms of the legislative process and again, I urge you not to start down this road this session of amending nonpriority bills into priority bills and taking more of our time on nonpriority items. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to ask Senator Nichol a question if I could, please.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Nichol, all you are asking is that the vehicle be towed to the nearest point off the highway so that it is safe and it does not impede the traffic on the highway. Is that not right?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, that does not necessarily mean just to place off the highway. For example, you could take a semi off the interstate. That wouldn't be a place of safe-keeping because everybody that came along could steal everything off of it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, yes, I mean...I don't mean just to get it off the road but to someplace where it would be deposited and could be guarded, that it would not be a three hundred mile move for example, from Scottsbluff to Grand Island.

SENATOR NICHOL: That is correct, Senator Schmit. The purpose is not to drag it any darn place you please. The place is of safe-keeping. It does not mean take it where you can get it repaired necessarily.