

a blank check. I think that responsibility has to remain with the Executive Board. I do not quarrel too much with Senator Warner's amendment but my amendment will come up later and I prefer it. He makes no mention in there about the funding and I think that is an important part of it. Senator Beutler also has an amendment which would merely add I believe two or three more people to the committee. It is my suggestion right now that the proposal I have circulated on your desk is the best one and I would like to see that one passed rather than the other two amendments and then we can pass the resolution to accomplish the purposes that Senator DeCamp has outlined.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland, on the amendment. Senator Wesely, on the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Warner amendment for a number of different reasons. First off, Senator Lamb is correct, I think, that his amendment would be a better approach to take at this time. The Public Works Committee has held a hearing on this study. The question of roads is under the review of the Public Works Committee so they would be the proper committee to consider this matter. So I think it would be better to strike the present language in the resolution and follow the Lamb approach, and I think what Senator Warner is proposing is to have the Exec Board appoint this special committee and I think that is less preferable to having the Public Works Committee which is already there ready to handle it, take the steps necessary. If we are going to have a committee appointed, a special committee appointed, if you look under Rule 3, Section 4 (g), you will find that investigating committees are appointed by the Committee on Committees and that that is where the power at this time in the rules anyway is provided for to make those appointments. It is a little unclear but I would suggest that if we are going to have anybody make appointments to a special committee it would be better to have the Committee on Committees even than the Exec Board. So for that reason then for the fact that I think the Public Works Committee would be better equipped to handle the issue, I would suggest that you reject the Warner amendment and support the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, on the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to oppose the amendment and one of the principal reasons that I would like to oppose it is that I think that the committee who is going to be hearing ultimately the proposal submitted by this committee should have either total or at least to a large extent involvement in the whole investigative process, and in this case we are talking about the Public