

of this amendment and this language and if this amendment is adopted and the bill is advanced I would ask for an Attorney General's opinion about it. But what I am trying to ...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Clark. What I am trying to tell you is that there are a number of problems with this language and with this amendment but I ask you at this point to support it and the reason that I do that is because it is better than a bill which is even worse. The bill as it is presently constituted would jeopardize nearly \$20 million in federal funds. That is clear from the fiscal note that is on the original bill so we do need to amend that bill but the amendments are certainly no answer to some of the concerns that some of us have about this proposal and there are many concerns that you can see for yourself in reading the language that I think need to still be addressed. I will do that at a later point but I wanted to point this out at the time we amend the bill. The committee amendments cause a lot of problems but they are better than what the bill would have caused in terms of the extensive loss of federal funds.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I rise to support the committee amendments. I sit on the Public Works Committee. Senator Wesely sits on the Public Works Committee and he was the only member voting against placing the bill on the floor. The federal funds are not jeopardized at all and due to an editorial in a Lincoln paper recently, obviously there has been inferences that this bill is sneaking along or whatever word you want to use with very little public attention. That is not accurate either. I remind you also it does not give that department the widest latitude in terms of what we are going to allow to be carried out in terms of testing. We are talking about the maximum load. I don't care how many axles you put it on it is still the maximum pounds. So I would suggest that what Senator Wesely is attempting to do is to merely confuse the body. I am familiar and I saw a movie of the western highways that has been carried on for over twenty-four years where they test vehicles of this type because it is part of interstate commerce and I suggest to you that with the economies of this nation as they are that possibly it is to our best advantage to start thinking about how we can help the industry to better accomplish the carrying of freight at the cheapest possible advantage to those of us who end up paying for it anyway. In addition to this you notice that the fees are going to be paid for by those who are going