

highways which also has the tendency to destroy the highways. That is not the intention as has been stated on the floor or before the committee in getting this program in place. But the language of the bill itself does not explicitly say that they could not change weight and axle and weight per axle requirements. So the purpose of this amendment is simply to put that limitation into the amendment and to provide that the program shall not fool around with the weight of the vehicle or the weight per axle of the vehicles. That is simply it and it is to allow the program to exist, allow them to proceed with it but to limit them to exactly what they said they wanted to do. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no, cease debate. Senator Vickers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, Senator Beutler briefly explained his amendment and I don't know whether the opponents or the other people involved in this bill accept that amendment or not. It seems to me we should have a little more debate than simply the introducer explaining an amendment and then shutting off debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Senator Vickers. We will let the body decide. The motion is to cease debate. Voting yes.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted to cease debate? Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate is not ceased. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question so that I understand what his amendment is suggesting. Are you saying that your amendment deals with how much weight is allowed per axle regardless of the number of axles?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I think there might be something to what has been said about trucks causing damage to the highways but I think there is something to be said for what Senator Schmit mentioned about poor construction. I think while they are talking about bid rigging and setting prices they ought to look at the quality of material and workmanship that has gone into the shabby