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basically to prohibit any fooling around with weight and weight per axle requirements. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to adopt the Beutler amendment. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted?

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment is adopted. Do you have another amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill by adding the following language. (Read Beutler amendment as found on page 1503 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is the third and last of my amendments and basically this third limitation would say that there are only going to be a certain number of vehicles that we are going to use for testing purposes at the beginning of this testing program and basically I picked out the number 30 and I'm not totally inflexible on that. If there is some more reasonable number, that is fine, but I would like to know that the number of units that we're talking about that are going to be on our highways are limited to a certain number, whatever number is reasonable for purposes of testing these new longer units and let it go at that. The way the bill is drafted right now they could authorize every trucking company in the nation who has this type of a vehicle to use all of their vehicles. It doesn't say that the testing has to be one or two vehicles for each company or limited in any manner. The Department of Roads has complete and absolute latitude to let all companies operate these types of vehicles without restraint. So again, the purpose of the amendment is to say that we're going to start out by allowing a certain number of these kinds of vehicles and see how they do and if after a period of time they do all right, we can increase the number of vehicles or we can take the restraint off completely. But I think it makes sense in line with the testing concept to begin with a modest proposal. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Schmit, on the Beutler amendment.