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are now talking about a minimum maintenance road after we spent a long time talking about how much damage the big trucks do. Maybe if we made them pay a little bit more of their fair share and didn't subsidize the trucking industry so heavily we wouldn't have to have minimally maintained roads and maybe we'll see some amendments later on that deal with that important issue.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: On the bill, not the amendment, thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Nichol, on the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I wonder why you need to say anything at all, Senator Kahle. If you are going to have a road that is not kept up very well is the purpose of it to draw people's attention to the fact that the road is not in very good shape and they should proceed cautiously? And my purpose in asking this, Senator Kahle, is that we already have a set number of signs that are approved across the country as I recall which would warn people if there is a rough spot or if they should proceed cautiously without providing a law which would demand extra signing and say various things that are not now in the law. Is this correct and wouldn't this be expensive and why do we really need it?

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: The best I can answer that would be that this sets up another classification of highway, a minimum maintenance highway and of course with the event that we have a 7% lid, it is impossible for the county to keep up all the roads to the standards that they would like to keep them up. So they are creating another standard of road which has to go through the State Highway Department and through the Bureau of Standards, whatever that is called, to set up this classification. The sign would only state that it was a minimum maintenance road or that it was under that classification. We're not stating in the bill what the sign is supposed to say. That will be done by the Bureau of Standards and Classification.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, one other question, Senator Kahle, who pays for the sign?

SENATOR KAHLE: I'm sure the county will have to pay for them.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have the counties been consulted about this and are they agreeable to pay for this signing?