

used. The testimony before the Public Works Committee is that some types of studs are much more damaging than others and we should pay attention to that in drafting the legislation. In short, what I am saying is that the compromise amendment which will be offered will have the effect of serving Senator Labeledz's purpose for this year and next year we can have a good debate on this measure. I think we owe it to the public. The fiscal note on this bill was \$35 million, \$35 million fiscal note, and let me tell you, in examining where they came up with those costs, that is no exaggeration. That is a distinct possibility. When we heard this bill before the Public Works...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Committee, Senator Labeledz's own expert on damage did not deny that there was terrific damage to the highways. His only point was that some types of studs do more damage than others but the point is, regardless of the types of studs that you are using, there is a tremendous wear and tear on the highways and we owe it to the public to thoroughly debate and examine that situation before we just go ahead and undo the action that we...the legislation that we enacted a year ago, before we do a 100% turnaround and turn loose studded snow tires on the streets again. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I'll be brief. Senator Beutler, I just want to correct you on one thing. You said this had never been debated before. I hate to bring it up again but it was debated. Do you remember the date that we talked about Senator Labeledz coming here with unclean hands? We debated it quite lengthy that day. Senator Beutler speaks about studded tires as if they were some kind of a monster that was going to eat all of us up and let's look at the exceptions to the rule. Handicapped are allowed studded tires. Are you to say a woman that is driving in the morning and taking a station wagon full of children to school, those children aren't as entitled to the safety factor of studded tires as a handicapped person? Doctors who are exempt? They can have studded snow tires. I mean if it is good for the rest of them, it should be good for all of us. I'll yield the rest of my time to Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to state here on the balance of Senator Higgins' time, I didn't want to bring all this up when I first opened because in the