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LB 170

Senator Warner's defense of the roads in Nebraska and certainly I have stood with him on all of the issues in the last years. I wish it was that simple but it's not. LB 170, as amended, quite probably will have little or no impact to the roads. That's an assumption whether it's 6 percent, 5 percent, 1 percent, two-tenths of 1 percent. The issue here is that we have a class of people that, except for guessing, except for guessing, have no way of being sure what's on that truck. They load it up...and, by the way, I have never had an overweight that I'm aware of, I'm like Senator Warner, but that doesn't mean that it hasn't happened at some time or the other. I just didn't happen to be subjected to a weight when we were going to the grain bin in the farmstead or going into our local elevator. If you're well to do enough, you can buy a truck and equip it with more than one axle, buy a permit, carry 39,100 pounds on that tandem axle, granted that's less than a 20,000-pound per single axle limitation. I don't anticipate widespread abuse from this because the tolerance is so small that people aren't going to be able to guess that. Anymore they can guess within 17 bushels in most cases what is on that bin when they shut the combine augur off. I think it will help just a little bit in some of those circumstances. Move the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 170. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Madam President, in view of the lateness of the hour, I think we'll ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Motion has been made to place the house under call. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The house is under call. All unexcused members please return to their seats and record their presence. All unauthorized personnel must leave the floor. Please check in. We will have a roll call vote. Would the senators please return to their seats and check in. We are looking for Senators Ashford, Beutler, Lynch. Senator Rasmussen, Senator Schrock. Senator Ashford, would you check in, please. Please proceed with a roll call vote on the advancement of LB 170.