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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ..with all of those wetlands and that's the reason there's an incentive not to go through wetlands, to avoid them. The other thing I guess you look at, and some of this is just unavoidable.

SENATOR ELMER: So, as time passes and more projects are constructed through wetland areas, then the Department of Roads gains title to and responsibility for more and more and more acres of this wetland, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, I mean they'll...they will get that through condemnation now.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You know, they may well be able to maintain that. So many of the wetlands, though, you don't want maintenance out there. You don't want people stirring around, mowing things, disturbing it...

SENATOR ELMER: Yeah, right, but...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ..because that's exactly what it is.

SENATOR ELMER: ..part of the stewardship then would be to prevent that.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, that's possible, yes.

SENATOR ELMER: So it looks like that at some time in the future we're going to need to address a method whereby that all of this wetland area that they're going to need to acquire is properly looked after and just another problem that crops up with this Wetlands Act. I yield the rest of my time to Senator Kristensen.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen, it's time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? There are.