

heard and advanced out of Transportation Committee, received no dissenting votes. What it does, it addresses a problem that was identified by the Iowa-Nebraska Farm Equipment Dealers Association relative to the difference between permitting laws in other states and permitting laws in Nebraska on transportation of farm equipment that you couldn't disassemble smaller than the 108 inches that is currently required for regular operation. Other states allowed a continuous or an annual permit for the transporters of implements of husbandry. Nebraska required a daily permit, which required the trucks to sit and wait when they crossed over the border. This is...it doesn't increase anything, other than change from a daily permit to a continuous permit up to annually. The permitting section of the Department of Roads did have several suggestions that were incorporated into this bill in language changes. They were in support of the bill, and I would like to share a little bit of the opening with Senator Kristensen to...for him to indicate the position of the committee and of the permitting section of the Department of Roads.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Kristensen, to oppose the amendment.

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** (Laugh.) Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure that's quite accurate. I do rise to support the amendment. And just so the body knows, LB 319 did have a public hearing. We did have a unanimous vote out of the committee and this does allow for the continuous use permit of those overweight or excuse me, over width items on the roadway. The Department of Roads basically rewrote the bill for technical purposes. This is actually their version, they had no problem with that. I think the other thing that the body needs to understand is that when we're talking about these over dimension permits this is not being operated on the road itself, these are being transported. So these things will either be on trailers or on trucks, so you're not allowing the over dimension things to be actually operated on the roads but to be transported. And certainly we gave this a good look. This obviously will be of great benefit for those dealers who are transporting those sorts of items across the state and the continuous permits will be of convenience not only to Department of Roads, but to those limited operators who utilize those permit. And, Senator Coordsen, I think that this is probably an appropriate amendment to be putting on here at this point in time.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Lynch.