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all...we do already have rules for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, but we don't have to obey a firefighter when he tells us we can't go through a temporarily closed section. We do have to obey a peace officer, and what I have done is, in an emergency situation, we would also be expected to obey the orders of the emergency personnel. Mr. President, I have filed an amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Are you done speaking?

SENATOR HUDKINS: I am.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, with your permission, just a few items and then I do have an amendment for Senator Hudkins.

Study Resolution, LR 173, Senator Thompson; Senator Coordsen, LR 174; Senator Raikes, LR 175; Senator Dierks, LR 176; Senator Wickersham, LR 177, LR 178; Senator Bohlke, LR 179-187; Senator Schimek, LR 188-190; all to be referred to the Board. Hearing notice from Business and Labor; Senator Lynch, amendment to LB 176. (Legislative Journal pages 2072-2081.)

Senator Hudkins would move to amend with FA209, Mr. President. (FA209, Legislative Journal page 2081.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized on your motion to amend, AM0955.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I think I'm getting the impression that the objection is mainly with the class of penalty, the Class III misdemeanor, and so my amendment would strike the words, "Class III misdemeanor", and insert "traffic infraction". That's simply what it does. It would be less of a penalty but there still would be a penalty for someone who would intentionally go through a temporarily closed section of the highway in an emergency situation when the road is closed by emergency personnel, whether that is police, fire, EMTs, whomever. So that's what the amendment does. If that makes it easier for people to understand the amendment and support it, then that is what I'm offering. Thank you.