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two-lane highways shall be 125 feet, rather than unlimited. Because if you've ever tried to pass on a two-lane road something that is...that would be unlimited, I think it's a safety hazard in itself. So for that reason, I'm going to propose that on Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I have a question for Senator Schrock concerning this bill. As I understand it, Senator, the idea is that you would be...a towing company would be allowed to remove the vehicle without splitting it up and so on. But the question that comes to mind is, what about weight requirements? Suppose when you hook a...one of these \$200,000 rigs on the front of this, that you are...you have to cross a bridge in order to get to the nearest safe harbor, if you will. Isn't it possible that there would be a...that the vehicle would then be over weight, and that they might have to break it up for that reason, even though the length requirement was not exceeded?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: (microphone malfunction) ...that answer on Select File. Obviously, if they're towing a vehicle that weighs more than 80,000 pounds, unless it has a special overweight permit, that vehicle would become...would be illegal to tow. It would be illegal to be on the road to start with. I don't know what these tow trucks weigh. I would guess they weigh in the vicinity of 20 to 30 thousand pounds. You put that on top of 80,000 pounds. However, you're stretching that length out over quite a period of time...or space. And I'm not sure if that would become a problem. And I'm not sure if there's any restrictions on that now. I don't know if that issue came up in committee. I was not there for the hearing on Senator Pederson's bill. The hearing on my bill was rather brief. But I think they spent a lot of time on Senator Pederson's bill. And then, of course, when they examined the two bills, they could immediately see mine was the better of the two (laughter), and took care of Senator Pederson's bill in another manner. So I don't have the answer to that. I can get the answer between