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vehicles going down the road. To get it off the road as soon as possible I believe should be our state policy. So, with all due respect, I do have to go with Senator Schrock on this and vote red on the amendment, because I think it's just an unnecessary restriction. We already have the restrictions in the independent lengths of the vehicles and we can move forward with that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Mr. Speaker, in my opinion on serving on this committee, I feel that the vehicles that are traveling down the interstate and the roads, you know, should be in compliance with the length that they are. I think the main issue here is the time and to get them off of the road, the disabled vehicles, because the longer they're on the road, waiting for someone to get an additional permit, is more of a hazard. So I think the main issue is traffic that is going on the interstate, they are legal, should be legal. If they're not legal they should be penalized. But the issue of having a wrecker come and remove these, I think they should be removed immediately, not to wait for another permit. So I would echo Senator Smith's comments and I do not support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Seeing no more persons wishing to speak on the amendment, Senator Don Pederson, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think, from everything that we've heard, from talking to all of the enforcement people, that we are exceeding, in this amendment, the length of any conceivable circumstances where there would be a disabled vehicle being towed. I think it's a matter of what we think the policy of the state of Nebraska should be. In my opinion, when we know that we're with...that we are creating a law that people can abide by and not be penalized for enforcing, I think that we should do that. I don't think we should do unlimited. And, as I said, the members of the committee were persuaded by the fact that the state of Missouri made theirs unlimited. Missouri is the only state in our surrounding area that has done that, and I don't think that's good policy. I