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Telecommunications Committee. The bill...or the amendment provides that the placement of road name signs on signposts may be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Roads and in the state right of way, when state highway visibility would not be impaired. Throughout the state of Nebraska, we have some circumstances where there needs to be some flexibility, if you will, on where road name signs are located. We had a healthy discussion in the committee and have had discussions across the state with elected officials from counties where it's not adequately or fairly being applied. This simply would allow those counties the flexibility, and so I would ask for your support of AM2421, and would be happy to try to answer questions relating to the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the opening on the Erdman amendment, AM2421. Open for discussion, Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I want to commend Senator Erdman for bringing this forward, because signage along highways is very important in our rural areas. Many a time, between the distance of the right of way and the distance to where a fence can be...or where a sign can be put at the right of way fence is quite a ways back, so anything we can do to improve doing the signage in our rural areas, especially for any of the emergency vehicles that would come that way, is something that would benefit all of us in that countryside like that. So I certainly support Senator Erdman's amendment at the present time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Further discussion? Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Once again, Senator Erdman has done a good job explaining this. It was LB 1172. It came out of committee, no opposition, no opposition testimony. I think that we need to go ahead and adopt this amendment. It provides for some flexibility on placement of county road signs. It needs to be done, and I urge your support of AM2421. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Further