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SENATOR ERDMAN: ...(inaudible) defined, I don't have the definition, but I can get that, if you'd like.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So your intention would be that it would be a county or a city or any other entity that's responsible for maintaining the road in question?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I believe you're correct, Senator Chambers (sic). It would relate to those who are responsible for maintaining that road. That would be that authority. So it would be the city, maybe the road supervisor...or not, excuse me, not the city--the county road supervisors, and I'm getting more information here from the Transportation Committee staff as well, so I'll get you a more complete answer. But I just wanted to give you that brief response.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And then the first sentence of the amendment seems very logical and doesn't have the potential problem of the second sentence, which is the problem of adding more signs, I guess. As I understand the first sentence, it means that where there is a sign, you can add something to the sign that further identifies a road that's crossing the road you're on. Is that what it's intended to do? I'm sorry, Senator; I missed your first explanation.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Here's how it is now. Currently in the state of Nebraska, if you drive down a highway...and I'll give an example. The other day I drove north of York. If you're driving north of York, there are road signs that are on each intersection, and those are supposed to be in the county right of way, and for some reasons, the county may petition to have the road name sign, which is the County Road 85, for example, placed in the right of way, to better describe or to better locate what road that is. The first part of the amendment would say that you could post them on top of an existing sign, which is what you have said, maybe a stop sign or another existing sign. The second part of the amendment would allow them to use their posts that are also approved under the standards for the rules of road, if you will, to post that sign in the right of way. And generally that's something that the Department of