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SENATOR BEUTLER: So that's the general premise, and then under those conditions there are two exceptions that you're making; is that right?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Heidemann.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In that circumstance, there are two different situations that you're addressing?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Actually, if you look at that amendment, the only thing we was doing is adding from (b) on. That above, even though it looks like new language, was pretty much existing language that was just reworded a little bit. So they are already able to do this. It's just the fact that we was trying to add what we call single-axle, but which would be a front axle and a rear axle.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so is subsection (b) the only truly new part?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Yes, the way I understand it, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The way you understand it, (b) is the only new part?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And that says: any truck with no more than two axles may operate with a load that exceeds the maximum load and gross weight for a single axle permitted under a certain section by 15 percent. The Department of Roads...you know, historically, we've had some long and strenuous debates in the Legislature when you get into weight issues, because even though length and other factors can create safety kinds of problems, weight may be not only a safety problem, but it may be...it may tear up the roads, and as you know, those are very expensive to build. And so the standards are set, as you know, to be sure the roads aren't overburdened, with respect to how the roads are constructed. And so many of us in the Legislature are really very sensitive to having the Department of Roads