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testify or say or assert or give us some reassurance that by making an exception, we're not going to be participating or facilitating or creating a premature destruction of roads. How can we feel comfortable about that? I'd be interested in Senator Heidemann's reaction.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Heidemann.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: They already allow this, Senator. If you have what we call tandem axles, triple axles, air tags, they allow you to go 15 percent over during harvest time. The Department of Roads, I mean, this is already in statute, and all this was going to do was allow what we would call single axle, rear single axles to accomplish the same thing, be 15 percent over.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but does the double axle allow 15 percent total or 15 percent on each axle?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Fifteen percent total. Fifteen percent total.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, if it's 15 percent on one axle, if you have two axles, doesn't that spread the 15 percent load over two axles, which is actually less load at any point on the road?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: It is. I mean, and you talked about the Department of Roads. They did not have a problem with this whatsoever.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You mean somebody at the Department of Roads told you especially that...

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: We worked with the Department of Roads on this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...they're agreeable to this?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Yes. They didn't have a problem with it. Let me put it that way.