

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 8, 2006

areas where the states are not going to be the final arbiters, but rather the federal government. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR BAKER: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now when it comes to classification of roads, can a locale, whether it's a city or a county through which a road passes, petition to have that road classified as one type of road rather than another?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, that's...city, village function, county function, yes, they have that ability.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would they go to this board or would they go directly to the Department of Roads, if you know?

SENATOR BAKER: To the board.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the board make decisions about how these roads will be classified or do they make recommendations to the Department of Roads?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. This board, that is their duty, to establish these standards or to adhere to the standards and then, what am I trying to say, set these standards and make sure that they're met.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here's what I'm asking. Let's say that a city wants to have a road classified a certain way. They would go to this board and is the board empowered to make a final decision as to whether or not that road will be so classified? I don't know the answer.

SENATOR BAKER: The ultimate decision here rests...now, we're speaking about, say, Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR BAKER: The ultimate decision would rest with the city of Omaha and their authority.