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are never told that these blockings are going to occur, and it is very much of a safety factor, particularly in our rural areas and we think that that is a very dangerous situation, particularly if they have fire or rescue units that need to go out and those roads are blocked. But hopefully, with the help of Senator Baker, we are going to see some changes, and we will continue to monitor the situation and hope that we see some resolution to this problem. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Hudkins yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, please, would you yield? I do not see Senator Hudkins on the floor, Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. Getting back to her problem, I was quite curious to know whether or not she had...if that was a county road. Perhaps Senator Baker would know. Would he yield for a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator Baker, are you familiar with what Senator Hudkins is having questions...what kind of a situation she has there? Is that a bridge on a county road or what?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. I can't speak with much authority here, but it's on a minimum maintenance road used by a couple farmers, and the concern that was raised to me by the railroad was they were exceeding the weight rating on this bridge with tractors and loaded trucks. And it does cross the main line, and it is a minimum maintenance road, so it's used very little and graded, I think, once or twice a year maybe.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, is it a county road bridge or is it a railroad bridge? Who owns the bridge?