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2007 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2406

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No SB 2406

Senate Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: February 1, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2541

Committee Clerk Signature

Judy Hauze

Minutes:

Senator Gary Lee opened the hearing on SB 2406 relating to overwidth travel permits. There were five committee members present and one absent.

Senator Fischer introduced SB 2406. He explained that he had a wind energy company in his area that brought in large pieces of steel on a daily bases and they make several trips per day with one piece of steel on each load. Each day they pay twenty dollars per load for their permit to haul this piece of steel. This has become very expensive and inconvenient for the company. They spent one hundred thousand dollars on all their permits last year. Their trips are about ½ to 1 mile long and they have to have a permit for each load. Senator Fischer said that when the committee looks at the fiscal note, they should consider the fact that if this business would decide this is too burdensome they could move 7 miles away and take their business to Minnesota. This loss would be much greater than the fiscal note on this bill.

Senator Judy Lee testified in favor of SB 2406. (Written testimony)

Russ Hanson, North Dakota Association of General Contractors testified in favor of SB 2406. He testified that they have heard from their membership and they support the single fee yearly permit.

Senator Lee asked, "If I am hauling these loads I would have to get a supplemental ID for ten dollars and then I would get a package of tickets and on an honors system I would send one ticket back with a twenty dollar fee as I hauled my oversize material." He asked if this was correct.

Mr. Hanson answered that he believed that was the process on a per trip bases.

Senator Lee asked Mr. Hanson if he believed the honor system worked well.

Mr. Hanson replied that being from ND and working with North Dakotans he feels the honor system works well. He thinks for convenience purpose the assumption is we should have it similar to what other states offer.

Senator Potter asked if he thought \$300 was appropriate.

Mr. Hanson felt it was reasonable. It is higher then some of the other states. He realizes the concern of the negative fiscal note but there is an economic consideration.

Ron Ness, North Dakota Petroleum Council testified in support of SB 2406. He stated that this bill will simplify the process.

Grant Levi, Deputy Director of Engineering for the Department of Transportation presented information and testimony. (Written testimony) They support the concept but informed the committee that there will be a fiscal impact to the department. They offered an amendment to the bill. Proposed amendment included with testimony. They are not concerned with the ice houses but the committee may want to consider adding the word private ice houses.

Senator Lee asked if by changing the width dimensions that this would not change the height and width dimensions that are already in place.

Mr. Levi said that is correct and if height and width were added they would have some concerns.

Senator Lee asked if he felt the honor system was working now.

Mr. Levi said that they believed it was working but there are checks and balances if someone stops them.

Senator Potter stated that the fiscal note would be larger because you are assuming that every one of the single trip tickets will convert to the \$300 per year but some of them will only take a couple trips a year and will continue to pay twenty dollars per trip.

Mr. Levi said that it was not their intent to assume that everyone would buy the \$300 permit.

Senator Potter asked about commercial fish houses and asked for an example.

Mr. Levi said that there are some on Devils Lake.

Senator Lee asked what the penalty for violating the oversize width permit was.

Mr. Levi said he believed it was one hundred dollars.

Senator Nething said he was curious that they were creating a new subsection and yet we have a twenty dollar permit fee.

Mr. Levi said that he was correct and there were a number of ways that this could have been handled but because of the fiscal note they thought it should come before the legislature.

Senator Nething asked is this current twenty dollar permit policy or is it statutory?

Mr. Levi answered that he believed it was through administrative rule that it was established. Weight is policy, the width; height and length are established by administrative rule.

Senator Bakke stated that Senator Judy Lee had quoted other states and they were like \$50 and \$100 per yearly permit. She asked why we are considering \$300.

Mr. Levi said that every state has different laws and this is what they came up with in their discussions. If you lower the fee the fiscal impact goes up even more.

Robert Kauk, a fish house owner testified in favor of SB 2406.

Dee Bertsch, a woman who likes to fish, testified in favor of SB 2406.

There was no opposition.

Senator Lee closed the hearing.

Senator Nething moved the amendment

Senator Bakke seconded.

Senator Potter asked about the meaning of private fish houses and discussion followed on replacing private with non-commercial.

The voice vote was do pass as amended. 5-0-1.

Senator Fiebiger moved a further amendment to insert noncommercial on page one, line eight.

Senator Nething seconded.

The voice vote was do pass 5-0-1.

Senator Bakke moved a do pass as amended and refer to appropriations.

Senator Fiebiger seconded.

The clerk took the roll call vote. 5-0-1

Senator Lee will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 04/02/2007

Amendment to: Engrossed
 SB 2406

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$120,000)		(\$120,000)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill, as amended, would allow purchase of an annual permit for an over-width vehicle or loads that are 14'-6" or less in width. Currently these vehicles must purchase a permit for each trip they take.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The current revenue structure generates approximately \$110,000 per year. (\$220,000 per biennium). Using the suggested \$500 per year fee, the proposed law would cause a reduction in revenue of approximately \$60,000 per year (\$120,000 per biennium). This reduction in revenue is due to the reduced number of single trip permits that would be sold under the proposed law. The \$500 per year fee would cause a negative fiscal impact as the revenue generated by the fee would not be enough to offset the loss of revenue due to the reduced amount of single trip permits that would be sold.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Under the current law, about 5500 single trip permits were sold last year for approximately 100 over-width vehicles. These permits generated approximately \$110,000 in revenue.

Under the proposed law, if an annual permit were purchased for the 100 over-width vehicles, at \$500 per permit approximately \$50,000 revenue would be generated. Compared to the current law, this would result in an annual revenue reduction of approximately \$60,000 (\$120,000 per biennium).

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Name:	Shannon L. Sauer	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-4375	Date Prepared:	04/02/2007

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/05/2007

Amendment to: Engrossed
 SB 2406

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	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$100,000)		(\$100,000)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
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This bill, as amended, would allow purchase of an annual permit for an over-width vehicle or loads that are 14'-6" or less in width. Currently these vehicles must purchase a permit for each trip they take.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The current revenue structure generates approximately \$110,000 per year. (\$220,000 per biennium). Using the suggested \$600 per year fee, the proposed law would cause a reduction in revenue of approximately \$50,000 per year (\$100,000 per biennium). This reduction in revenue is due to the reduced number of single trip permits that would be sold under the proposed law. The \$600 per year fee would cause a negative fiscal impact as the revenue generated by the fee would not be enough to offset the loss of revenue due to the reduced amount of single trip permits that would be sold.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Under the current law, about 5500 single trip permits were sold last year for approximately 100 over-width vehicles. These permits generated approximately \$110,000 in revenue.

Under the proposed law, if an annual permit were purchased for the 100 over-width vehicles, at \$600 per permit approximately \$60,000 revenue would be generated. Compared to the current law, this would result in an annual revenue reduction of approximately \$50,000 (\$100,000 per biennium).

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

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Name:	Shannon Sauer	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-4375	Date Prepared:	03/06/2007

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 02/05/2007

Amendment to: SB 2406

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	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$160,000)		(\$160,000)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
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2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill, as amended, would allow purchase of an annual permit for an over-width vehicle or loads that are 14'-6" or less in width. Currently these vehicles must purchase a permit for each trip they take.

The amendments to this bill do not change the original fiscal impact.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The current revenue structure generates approximately \$110,000 per year. (\$220,000 per biennium). Using the suggested \$300 per year fee, the proposed law would cause a reduction in revenue of approximately \$80,000 per year (\$160,000 per biennium). This reduction in revenue is due to the reduced number of single trip permits that would be sold under the proposed law. The \$300 per year fee would cause a negative fiscal impact as the revenue generated by the fee would not be enough to offset the loss of revenue due to the reduced amount of single trip permits that would be sold.

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Under the proposed law, if an annual permit were purchased for the 100 over-width vehicles, at \$300 per permit approximately \$30,000 revenue would be generated. Compared to the current law, this would result in an annual revenue reduction of approximately \$80,000 (\$160,000 per biennium).

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continuing appropriation.

Name:	Darcy Rosendahl	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-4408	Date Prepared:	02/05/2007

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/23/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2406

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	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$160,000)		(\$160,000)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill would allow purchase of an annual permit for an over-width vehicle that is 14'-6" or less in width. Currently these vehicles must purchase a permit for each trip they take

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The current revenue structure generates approximately \$110,000 per year. (\$220,000 per biennium). Using the suggested \$300 per year fee, the proposed law would cause a reduction in revenue of approximately \$80,000 per year (\$160,000 per biennium). This reduction in revenue is due to the reduced number of single trip permits that would be sold under the proposed law. The \$300 per year fee would cause a negative fiscal impact as the revenue generated by the fee would not be enough to offset the loss of revenue due to the reduced amount of single trip permits that would be sold.

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Name:	Darcy R. Rosendahl	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-4408	Date Prepared:	01/29/2007

Date: 2-1-07
Roll Call Vote #: 5-0-1
#1
Voice vote

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2406

Senate Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number After vehicle insert "or Load"

Action Taken do pass on amendment in

Motion Made By Senator Nething Seconded By Senator Bakke

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Gary Lee	✓		Senator JoNell Bakke	✓	
V Ch John Andrist			Senator Tom Fiebiger	✓	
Senator Dave Nething	✓		Senator Tracy Potter	✓	

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2-1-07

Roll Call Vote #: 2

5-01

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2406

Senate Transportation

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 70 878, 0101

Action Taken do pass amendment

Motion Made By Senator Fiebiger Seconded By Senator Nething

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Gary Lee	✓		Senator JoNeil Bakke	✓	
V Ch John Andrist			Senator Tom Fiebiger	✓	
Senator Dave Nething	✓		Senator Tracy Potter	✓	

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 2-1-08
Roll Call Vote #: 3

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2406

Senate Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 70878.0101

Action Taken de pass as amended

Motion Made By Senator Bakke Seconded By Senator Fiebiger

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Gary Lee	✓		Senator JoNell Bakke	✓	
V Ch John Andrist			Senator Tom Fiebiger	✓	
Senator Dave Nething	✓		Senator Tracy Potter	✓	

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Gary Lee

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2406: Transportation Committee (Sen. G. Lee, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2406 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 6, after "vehicle" insert "or load"

Page 1, line 8, after "a" insert "noncommercial"

Renumber accordingly

2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2406

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2406

Senate Appropriations Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: 02-09-07

Recorder Job Number: 3333

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2406 at 3:35 pm on February 9, 2007 relating to Overwidth Travel Permits.

Senator Judy Lee, District 13, West Fargo gave oral testimony in support of SB 2406 which will allow an option of purchasing an annual permit to operate a vehicle up to the width of 14 feet extension. She also made mention of HB 1295 which is a similar piece of legislation specific to the interstate system.

Grant Levi, Deputy director for Engineering for North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) presented written testimony (1) and gave oral testimony in support of SB 2406.

Senator Lindaas had questions regarding time limitations on the permits and if the Highway Patrol is alerted or notified when a wide load is on the highways,

Senator Krebsbach had questions regarding Interstate and State Highways.

Senator Bowman had comments regarding the oil companies and their needs concerning wide loads.

Senator Mathern asked about the time element when moving a wide load happens, and the requirements that haulers have to meet, and had questions regarding some flexibility in terms of fees.

Senator Kilzer asked if these permits are filled out in advance and can be used at anytime. He was informed that travel is daytime travel.

Senator Tom Fischer, District 46, Fargo stated that he signed onto this bill particularly in the interest of the Wind tower industry in West Fargo and they can only haul one sheet of steel that's overwidth but not overweight and they make many loads a day. And they are just repeating these trip permits and they would like to have a yearly permit. Also wider trailers are being built as well and need these permits. The fiscal note is really unknown as yet because you really don't know how many people will buy the 300 permits.

Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing on SB 2406 and then asked the committee their wishes concerning this bill. Senator Kebsbach did a do pass.

Senator Christmann asked if there would be some logic in having this a little bit higher.

Senator Fischer commented about the fees and permits in surrounding states.

Senator Krebsbach moved a DO PASS, Seconded by Senator Fischer. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 12 yeas, 0 nays and 2 absent. The motion carried.

Senator Flakoll will carry the bill.

The hearing on SB 2406 closed.

Date: 2/9/07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2406.

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number do pass

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By Krebsbach Seconded By Fischer

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Ray Holmberg, Chrm	/		Senator Aaron Krauter		
Senator Bill Bowman, V Chrm	/		Senator Elroy N. Lindaas	/	
Senator Tony Grindberg, V Chrm	/		Senator Tim Mathem	/	
Senator Randel Christmann	/		Senator Larry J. Robinson	/	
Senator Tom Fischer	/		Senator Tom Seymour	/	
Senator Ralph L. Kilzer	/		Senator Harvey Tallackson		
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	/				
Senator Rich Wardner	/				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 2

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If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Module No: SR-29-2862
Carrier: Flakoll
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2406, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed SB 2406 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2406

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2406

House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: 03-02-2007

Recorder Job Number: 4277/4279

Committee Clerk Signature

Lisa M Thomas

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz opened the hearing on SB 2406. SB 2406 relates to over width travel permits.

Senator Fischer introduced the bill.

Sen. Fischer: SB 2406 would allow over width loads and have a yearly permit at three hundred dollars, rather than twenty dollars per trip and also a twenty dollar permit on an over width fish house. I can't elaborate on the fish house, I don't fish. One of the reasons that this bill was brought forward was a company in West Fargo that produces the wind towers. They use a railroad spur and haul one sheet of steel at a time. They are well within the weight limits and obviously they don't have a height problem because it is only an inch and quarter high, but they do have a width problem and they were the ones that suggested that they would like to have a yearly permit rather than every trip because they make many trips a day and travel about three quarters of a mile or so. So that is the reason for this being before you. There is a fiscal note with it I believe it's around one hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars. That is estimate of the highway patrol and the department of transportation. I don't know that I am too concerned about that for the simple reason that there be a larger fiscal note if DMI should move to seven miles to the east, meaning MN.

Rep. Ruby: Who came up with the three hundred dollar figure? Do you think maybe a higher amount for an annual permit would be?

Sen. Fischer: That was discussed what we are trying to do is balance with how many different vehicles and maybe the departments can address that. The thing is that we could go to five hundred dollars to reduce the fiscal note, but that depends on how many separate trucks are issued this three hundred dollar permit. It was an attempt, we talked about one hundred and fifty and it went to three hundred dollars to balance where it is at today.

Brad Dar, DOT, spoke in support of the bill.

Dar: The changes proposed in SB 2406 would establish in state statute provision that would allow ND Highway Patrol to issue a single trip or annual permit for over width vehicles that are fourteen foot six inches or less. Presently and individual or company that has a vehicle or load that exceeds eight foot six inches in width is allowed to purchase a single trip permit. These permits are only good for one trip and cost twenty dollars each. We support the concept of allowing more efficient movement through our state by making it easier for the transportation industry to obtain permits for over width vehicles. While we support the concept we wish to inform the committee that there will be fiscal impact to the department. We estimate that our revenue would decrease approximately one hundred and sixty thousand per biennium if the bill passes. We believe it is important for the committee to have this information that we make the policy decisions.

Rep. Dosch: What would the fee have to be to have a neutral effect?

Dar: We have determined that it would have to be eleven hundred dollars.

Rep. Weisz: With this bill in, any load would still be limited to eighty-thousand pounds?

Dar: Yes.

Rep. Weisz: What about height now?

Dar: Yes, it is my understanding that if it is over height it would still require it.

Rep. Weisz: On the non-commercial fish house trailer, currently what are they doing now?

Dar: It is my understanding that if it is over eight foot six they need that permit for a single trip.

Rep. Delmore: Do you have a total on the number of vehicles that would be affected and would this expand or allow a lot more of these types of trucks?

Dar: I think the people that are interested will be the same people.

Rep. Gruchalla: What was the number of permits that you figure you are going to sell?

Dar: I did not bring that number.

Rep. Weisz: One hundred is on the fiscal note.

Rep. Gruchalla: For right now, just for clarification, it would cost you a twenty dollar fee to buy an over width permit if you move three quarters of a mile or if you move all the way across the state?

Dar: Yes.

Rep. Dosch: Can you tell me where they get these permits? They are issued by the highway patrol or do they have to go to the DOT?

Dar: The ND Highway Patrol has a permit section.

Rep. Dosch: What do you mean by permit section?

Dar: They have a division of the highway patrol that they issue those permits. Single trip ones, they charge for them and send them out to the people and they fill them out and send them back to them.

Sen. J. Lee, spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Lee: I am here as a sponsor of this bill because it is important to a business that is across the street from my district. I am guessing that the previous speakers have mentioned that. If you have ever driven through that area you would see that there are large areas of

