

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 1091

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to transportation; restricting weight limits on the Stillwater Lift Bridge.

1.4 May 14, 2009

1.5 The Honorable James P. Metzen
1.6 President of the Senate

1.7 The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
1.8 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.9 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 1091 report that we have agreed upon
1.10 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.11 That the House recede from its amendment and that S.F. No. 1091 be further
1.12 amended as follows:

1.13 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.14 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.81, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.15 Subd. 3. **Length of vehicle combinations.** (a) Statewide, except on the highways
1.16 identified under provisions in paragraph (c), no combination of vehicles may exceed
1.17 a total length of 75 feet.

1.18 (b) However, the total length limitation does not apply to combinations of vehicles
1.19 transporting:

1.20 (1) telephone poles, electric light and power poles, piling, or pole-length pulpwood;

1.21 or

1.22 (2) pipe or other objects by a public utility when required for emergency or repair
1.23 of public service facilities or when operated under special permits as provided in section
1.24 169.86.

1.25 These combinations of vehicles must be equipped with sufficient clearance markers, or
1.26 lamps for night transportation, on both sides and upon the extreme ends of a projecting
1.27 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

2.1 (c) The following combination of vehicles regularly engaged in the transportation
2.2 of commodities may operate only on divided highways having four or more lanes of
2.3 travel, and on other highways as may be designated by the commissioner of transportation
2.4 subject to section 169.87, subdivision 1, and subject to the approval of the authority
2.5 having jurisdiction over the highway, for the purpose of providing reasonable access
2.6 between the divided highways of four or more lanes of travel and terminals, facilities for
2.7 food, fuel, repair, and rest, and points of loading and unloading for household goods
2.8 carriers, livestock carriers, or for the purpose of providing continuity of route:

2.9 (1) a truck-tractor and semitrailer exceeding 75 feet in length;

2.10 (2) a combination of vehicles including a truck-tractor and semitrailer drawing one
2.11 additional semitrailer which may be equipped with an auxiliary dolly;

2.12 (3) a combination of vehicles including a truck-tractor and semitrailer drawing
2.13 one full trailer;

2.14 (4) a truck-tractor and semitrailer designed and used exclusively for the
2.15 transportation of motor vehicles or boats and exceeding an overall length of 75 feet
2.16 including the load; and

2.17 (5) a truck or truck-tractor transporting similar vehicles by having the front axle of
2.18 the transported vehicle mounted onto the center or rear part of the preceding vehicle,
2.19 defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, sections 390.5 and 393.5 as drive-away
2.20 saddlemount combinations or drive-away saddlemount vehicle transporter combinations,
2.21 when the overall length exceeds 75 feet.

2.22 (d) Vehicles operated under the provisions of this section must conform to the
2.23 standards for those vehicles prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation,
2.24 Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety, as amended.

2.25 (e) For purposes of this paragraph, "total length" means the overall length of the
2.26 motor vehicle including (1) bumpers and load; and (2) the length of any semitrailer, as
2.27 defined in section 168.002, subdivision 30, and any trailer, as defined in section 168.002,
2.28 subdivision 35. The maximum allowable total length of a commercial vehicle combination
2.29 is 55 feet on that portion of marked Trunk Highway 36 from the intersection with marked
2.30 Trunk Highway 95 and Washington County State-Aid Highway 23 in Stillwater, to the
2.31 Stillwater lift bridge, located on marked Trunk Highway 36 over the St. Croix River in
2.32 Stillwater. This paragraph does not apply to emergency vehicles; motor vehicles while
2.33 engaged in work on the bridge or on the portion of highway described in this paragraph,
2.34 including snow and ice removal and flood control; a vehicle carrying an oversize permit
2.35 issued under section 169.86, subdivision 5, paragraph (d); and vehicles on the Stillwater
2.36 lift bridge.

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day the commissioner erects
3.2 signs giving notice of the prohibition established in this section.

3.3 Sec. 2. **MARKED TRUNK HIGHWAY 36 VEHICLE LENGTH RESTRICTION**
3.4 **SIGNS.**

3.5 (a) No later than July 1, 2009, the commissioner of transportation shall erect signs
3.6 at appropriate locations giving notice that the maximum allowable total length of a
3.7 commercial vehicle combination is 55 feet on that portion of marked Trunk Highway 36
3.8 from the intersection with marked Trunk Highway 95 and Washington County State-Aid
3.9 Highway 23 in Stillwater, to the Stillwater lift bridge, located on marked Trunk Highway
3.10 36 over the St. Croix River.

3.11 (b) The commissioner shall request that the state of Wisconsin post similar signs on
3.12 the Wisconsin side of the bridge.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

3.14 Delete the title and insert:

3.15 "A bill for an act
3.16 relating to transportation; restricting length limits for commercial vehicle
3.17 combinations on portion of marked Trunk Highway 36; amending Minnesota
3.18 Statutes 2008, section 169.81, subdivision 3."

4.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

4.2 Senate Conferees: (Signed)

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4.4 Ray Vandever Steve Murphy

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4.6 Kathy Saltzman

4.7 House Conferees: (Signed)

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4.9 Matt Dean Julie Bunn

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