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about agricultural marketing, having to come to the Legislature and ask for an increase in weight because this size truck in Colorado gets to carry 36,000 pounds and if we are going to get grain shipped out of Nebraska we have got to raise the weight as well. I think at some point, this Legislature and other Legislatures across this country have to say no to this game of the trucking industry. I think we are being played for fools and I think it is time we stopped.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask Senator Kremer a couple of questions so I can clarify my understanding of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, will you respond?

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Kremer, do we have vehicles on the road now that can be sixty five feet in length?

SENATOR KREMER: No, sir.

SENATOR LEWIS: I thought we had trailer truck combinations that are sixty five feet now.

SENATOR KREMER: This is the tractor trailer combinations only.

SENATOR LEWIS: But the tractor trailer combination would be sixty five feet. So this would be the same length as the tractor trailer?

SENATOR KREMER: Sixty five feet will be the combination of the tractor and the trailer. That is your five groups of axles. There are two sets of tandems below the trailer like your diagram shows and one set of wheels up in the front of the motor.

SENATOR LEWIS: All right, and we also can with that combination accommodate 68,000 pounds per axle now. Is that right?

SENATOR KREMER: For the two axles, providing it is a cabover and that front, and that motorized part of the whole unit is a cabover. In other words the cab is over the motor so the motor does not have to hang out under a hood ahead of the cab which makes it longer.

SENATOR LEWIS: I guess my substantive question is this,