

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would be delighted.

SENATOR VRTISKA: In this goldenrod sheet that you handed out, it says the farmers operate their trucks under different driving conditions than over-the-road truck drivers. I guess I'm having a little problem. If you have it up to 150 miles, that almost makes them an over-the-road truck driver, doesn't it?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, the 150 miles is nothing magical, certainly, but there are farm operations that are spread over somewhat close to that. But the 150-mile language simply comes from the federal waiver permission and that's the language out of the Federal Register. There's nothing magic about the 150 miles. I don't think that that would certainly qualify a person as an over-the-road, over-the-road truck driver.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, I don't really have much problem with the bill except I thought that allowing somebody to go that distance almost puts the...particularly when they don't have the other qualification, almost puts them in that other category and I was wondering how you would...how you would answer that. But I guess you have and I'm not too sure I'm satisfied, but, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I, really in the last week, have found myself standing up talking against bills and you kind of go through those streaks where you talk in favor of a number of bills and this week has been my week to be talking against things and I'm sorry, Senator Coordsen, but this is another...no, I'm really not sorry, I guess, this is another one of those bills that has an amendment just for the body's information. Senator Coordsen's amendment, if I'm correct, this is your LB 165 that was in the Transportation Committee and there were not enough votes to get that bill out of committee. Senator Coordsen is going to take his chances here on the floor. To the best of my understanding, where I think the rub comes here is before commercial drivers' licenses, if you had that operation like a semitractor-trailer, you needed what we call the CC license and that had some restrictions to it that you had to be 18 years of age to do it. If you do this sort of thing with a commercial drivers' license exemption, you really open it up to