

these particular kinds of vehicles from a commercial drivers' license. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. President, members, I rise in support of this amendment. It seems to me that farmers who travel the rural areas are probably a lot more adapted to the gravel roads and so on as what a lot of commercial drivers would be. You have to realize, I believe the law now allows them to drive a tractor and a trailer, a farm tractor with a trailer behind it. And if you've seen some of these farm trailers that they have, they hold an awfully lot of grain and you see a lot of young boys with a drivers' license driving those. To me, that is just as much a hazard as, if it is a hazard, as the tractor-trailers would be. We've kind of brought this on ourselves with our larger farms and so on that the farmers have to haul larger quantities of grain than they did in past years. I don't...I don't believe that there is a real danger here. Myself, I think probably I was a better driver when I was 17 years old than I am now. I know my reflexes were a lot better at that time. So I don't see that the hazard is going to be there by allowing the farmers to use a tractor and trailer. A lot of them do that now. They have had to have the special license to do so. I'm in support of Senator Coordsen's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Hartnett. Oh, excuse me, excuse me, we do have an amendment to the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Sorry, Senator. Senator Withem would move to amend Senator Coordsen's amendment by striking "150 miles" and inserting "35 miles". (The Withem amendment, FA141, appears on page 1789 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I debated long and hard as to whether to enter this debate or whether not to, and probably my good sense lost in this case. But the arguments I've heard on the rationale as to why farm...the business of agriculture is different from any other business in terms of individual's transporting products. I haven't really heard that other than they've always done it. On the other hand, if there is a rationale in the state that