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further lights. Senator Schrock, you'd be recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will work with Senator Pederson on this length issue, and Senator Baker, between now and Select File. I think you should keep in mind that there are restrictions on the length a truck can be in this state. And the size of the tow truck is not going to be so unwieldy that we're going to get out of control here on length. Whether 125 feet is the proper number, or whether unlimited is the proper number, I don't know. But we will do some work on that between now and Select File. I will tell you that Missouri has unlimited, and that's what the legislation was modeled after. But I think from a practical standpoint, if you hook the tow truck on top of this tractor...in front of this tractor and trailer, it shouldn't get too unwieldy as far as the length is concerned. What we do in the future as far as triple trailers or longer doubles or...remains to be seen. Obviously, the more weight you can put on these trucks and the longer you can make them, the more you can haul freight efficiently. And I think we're going to see some of that. The limit on the weight in Nebraska is 80,000 pounds. I guess we're supposed to be competitive with the neighbors north of us. But the limit on weight in Canada is 140,000. Obviously, they put more axles under their trucks, and they make them longer. And I think that's going to be the wave of the future, especially if fuel prices get higher, and as labor goes up. So with that, I'll conclude my remarks. We'll work with Senator Pederson and see if we do have a problem that we need to correct on Select File.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 137. All members in favor of it advancing please vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 137.

SPEAKER BROMM: The bill does advance. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 182, introduced by the Transportation