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Those that do that, they haul for their neighbors because their neighbor has absolutely no way of moving the grain. You couldn't go out tomorrow morning or when we are picking corn and hire trucks to haul my grain to town and get any in Sarpy County. You couldn't go into Douglas County and get some because they do not have enough because of the fact that farm trucks today...every farmer has got two that has got a combine and he goes out and does the work. If this bill shall advance any at all, I will have an amendment to it that will say that farmers in the State of Nebraska can license their farm trucks for one third the cost of a commercial license just like you are and they will be able to haul any raw agricultural product to market and from market. I will do that and then we will make certain that every farmer who owns a combine and truck and does commercial work is not breaking the law in any way whatsoever. So whatever happens to this, if this bill should advance I am going to do that. I met with the trucking industry and I met with the railroads. I said this will allow the elevators that have millions of bushels of grain stored on the ground, this will allow them to use the farm trucks that set out there idle after they get through combining. This will allow the elevators to use those trucks, hire those farmers and let them haul that grain to market.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Motion on the desk. Read the motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Howard Lamb moves to indefinitely postpone LB 49.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well I just reiterate the arguments I made before. I think the enforcement of this bill would be a nightmare that there would not be sufficient enforcement and it would result in a position whereby the commercial truckers on whom 99% of the farmers probably depend, would be in a competitive position which would be unfair so I believe this is a poor bill and I urge that it be indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think to refute Senator Lamb's argument, all I can say is to reiterate that the position of the Motor Carriers Association, the association for commercial haulers, is one of