

neutrality and that they have not opposed this bill. I think if that organization certainly would have opposed this bill, if they concurred with Senator Lamb and thought that it would be damaging to the commercial haulers in this state. The fact is as far as the grain trade is concerned that it is very unprofitable at any rate and it is very difficult to...as Senator Keyes pointed out, it is very difficult to get grain moved in the State of Nebraska and I think as we look at some of the serious problems in the farm community that we really need to increase our ability to transport our products. I think this is an important bill and I would certainly urge the Legislature not to kill it. I believe the penalty section is a very strong one and if an individual does become convicted or is convicted of using his farm vehicle commercially, it is a very stiff penalty and I think that is going to discourage farm registered trucks from getting into the commercial business. Certainly I do not want or intend for farmers irrespective of the size of their truck to use their vehicles commercially. With regular farm trucks there is what is known as the exchange of labor. If one farmer has a truck and another one has combine, one can do all the combining and the other can do all the trucking. That isn't true with these larger trucks because we see room for abuse there. They would simply call an exchange of labor and then go into the commercial business, so that is an area that we have not opened to these larger vehicles to prevent the kind of abuse that Senator Lamb is talking about. We have looked into this subject thoroughly and I think we have done everything possible to deter, through large penalties and through higher rates for these farm registered vehicles, I think we have done everything possible to deter farm vehicles from being used commercially, so I would urge you not to indefinitely postpone this bill.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Now the rest of you who had your lights on to speak on the issue of advancing to E & R for engrossment so I am going to call on you in the order in which your lights were on and you can either pass or speak on the motion to indefinitely postpone. I will start with Senator Haberman. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman. Do you wish to speak, Senator Haberman, on the motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, I would like to speak to oppose this. There is a revenue loss of over \$460,000 to the cities, the counties and the Department of Roads. We would have to make this up somewhere and it would just be additional taxes, so for that reason I would like to