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oppose LB 49.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh. Do you wish to speak to the indefinitely postponement?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I think it is to get a little input on what the bill actually does. Senator Cullan, will you answer a question?

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Cullan, will you respond to a question from Senator Maresh?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes.

SENATOR MARESH: I believe you were referring to my bill that I had last year to allow semis to be licensed as farm trucks. The reason I had that bill was to make it more equitable because we are allowing tandem wheel trucks pulling trailers to haul as much or more than a semi and those are licensed as farm trucks. Correct?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, sir, that is correct.

SENATOR MARESH: Before I vote on this I would like to know if you would consider having the same provision for those trucks as you do for the semis?

SENATOR CULLAN: I'm not sure. I would like to see your amendment specifically but I believe one of the purposes of this bill, I think those people would switch to semis because they would recognize, for safety factors and for efficiency factors at any rate, so I think that would be one of the effects of this bill, but I would like to see your amendment specifically.

SENATOR MARESH: Aren't you fearful that if this passes then all farm trucks will be licensed for 30% of the commercial rate according to their size?

SENATOR CULLAN: The bill does not say that, Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: But those in the trucking industry are very much interested in this proposal I believe. Correct?

SENATOR CULLAN: They are neutral on it. I don't think that that means that there is going to be a change in the state law.

SENATOR MARESH: They would like to see that come about, I understand. Thank you, Senator Cullan.