

sure that they fully understand what the bill does. I think that that is probably the most serious problem associated with the bill. I am not sure that everybody fully understands the impact of the bill. Yes, you are right, Senator Kremer, that the increase in the maximum load for the tandem axles is not changed. It is still 34,000 pounds which is under the present law but they can't go up to that 34,000 pounds now because under the present law the total weight cannot exceed 66,000 pounds. So in truth, in actuality, you are increasing the tandem axle weight by 1,000, the maximum I believe. That is what I have been told. I am not sure if that is correct and you can respond at a later time. So I guess my point is that I see some possible adverse effects on our highway system. I really do not have the facts to tell you yes or no on this bill but I think I am going to vote against it being advanced to Select File. I think it will advance but at that time I hope to have some amendments which may help to clarify the problem.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Kremer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, will you respond?

SENATOR KREMER: I will.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator, I agree the shut down of railroad lines has handicapped isolated communities, rural communities considerably. Does this bill relate strictly to agricultural products or will it relate to all products?

SENATOR KREMER: It will relate to all products.

SENATOR MURPHY: All products, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes. Is Senator Keyes in the chamber? We will go on to Senator Merz. Senator Merz said to go on to the next one so... Senator Kremer, did you wish to speak at this point? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Well I just wanted to follow up on a comment made by Senator Wesely in his last discussion that we are, while we are not increasing the actual weight, we are increasing the overall weight. Now please understand that most of the trucks now are hauling that full 68,000 pounds, Senator Wesely. It just would allow these few trucks that