

has the picture of the truck with a trailer of forty five feet long and a shorter power unit. Now the horizontally drawn, when the paper is horizontal, the unit shows a forty foot trailer. So in both pictures when you put the unit and the trailer together you get the grand total of sixty feet. What they are arguing is that they want to be able to put a forty five foot trailer on the highway when it is attached for ease of recording and keeping a record with a shorter power unit, shorter in length. Well, Senator Kremer, right now this forty five foot trailer could not be used with the longer power unit. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR KREMER: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That is all the help I need from you. Members of the Legislature, we know that apples in the Legislature are eaten in bites. The entire apple is not swallowed. So the first thing that has to be accepted by the Legislature is the means to authorize the utilization of a longer trailer and they are saying that is all that is being sought here but as soon as you end all of the argument as to the trailer length and you devise a means to put a forty five foot trailer on the highway and this is a commonly seen item, the next argument is one which is hard to go against, namely the utilization of a particular power unit. The argument will be that you have already let the tail, the body and the neck of the camel into the room, why don't you now allow the camel's head in. All we are talking about is a power unit. We want to just take this longer power unit and all it will do is add length without appreciably increasing the amount of weight. So who can argue with that and having given up nine tenths of the field, you just about have to give up the other tenth. So whether the bill is good or not, if a person is basing it on the overall length of the truck, would have to be determined by the issues that I think have been raised here. If you accept the longer trailer this year, Senator Kremer, next year the only thing they will argue is the particular power unit. They will say that Nebraska is requiring the trucking industry and other people to forego the utilization of a particular power unit. Why are you going to cripple my company when I use this particular unit but you are not going to cripple the company which uses the short grasshopper headed unit? So I believe that it ought to be seriously viewed in its totality, not just the portion of the camel which they are trying to slip into the room today. I am going to present a bill to try to raise the speed limit on the highway and I know there will be all kind of fearful arguments, you know, given against it, but I don't think there is anybody who could argue that