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is not imposed on the trucking industry.

SENATOR DWORAK: But these larger units then will pay no more tax than a unit not quite as large?

SENATOR KREMER: They will be taxed the same vehicle tax depending on the size and valuation and the capacity of the truck just like they are now, not sales tax but other taxes, yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: But proportionately they will pay no greater burden of tax than another smaller unit?

SENATOR KREMER: No, we are only talking about a very few vehicles. It is just these vehicles that are so critical when we need to move some of these products at a certain time of the year.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you. It appears to me we are using agriculture again to run the interference for the transportation industry, the trucking industry. We keep being promised all these benefits for the farmer but really the real benefit it appears to me is the trucking industry at the expense of the taxpayers who have the burden of maintaining the roads. I might be inclined to support this bill if we were getting revenue off of these bigger units as indicated by some of the debate, depreciates and causes hardship and damage to the roads. I think possibly an amendment on Select File might be in order to increase the taxation on these larger units.

PRESIDENT: Seeing no other person wanting to discuss the matter, Senator Kremer, would you close? Senator Schmit, did you come back on? Your light was off.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit was here. We will recognize Senator Schmit and then Senator Kremer for a closing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Would Senator Keyes yield to a question, please? Senator Keyes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, would you respond?

SENATOR KEYES: I will respond to anybody, even the devil himself.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I hope there is no connotation in that, but then that is not the worst I have been called.