

excuse for these changes. We are faced with a major gas tax increase and we find that this industry comes in and says it doesn't even want to pay that. We are faced with a major highway crisis in this state due to increased maintenance costs. Yet the industry denies any responsibility but I think Senator Chambers has laid out the scenario of the next few years. This and that, a little here, a little there and suddenly there is a whole different kind of truck on the road and I think that this Legislature should, one, address that revenue question before we grant this concession to the trucking industry, not after, and, two, we should make a decision as to a final amount that we want if this 34,000 pounds is the maximum weight. I would hope that that would be the maximum weight, not just this year, but the Senators that are saying it is only 34,000 pounds would say that will be the maximum weight next year and the year after and the year after. We cannot allow the trucking industry to keep playing this game of building bigger and bigger trucks, piece by piece, through changes in the law. There is a reason that these limits are written into the statute and that is to try to provide for our highways and to provide for our safety and I think until we get a clear plan from the trucking industry as to how much of the cost they are going to pay and what is the final size that they want to ask this Legislature, we should not grant them any more concessions.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk. Read the motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Don Dworak moves to indefinitely postpone LB 112.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I have not been too involved in this debate because it has been debated very eloquently by many people and I think there are a lot of questions that need to be answered in this particular bill. I think the bill is ill-conceived at this point and without the answer to these questions, I do not think it deserves to stay on the board and take further time in the Legislature. So I would urge that everybody would support the kill motion on this bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Is Senator Fowler in the room? Something