

SENATOR KREMER: That is correct because most of the trucks now are carrying this 34,000 for a double axle. All we are doing here is allowing the owners of these vehicles that have the conventional truck to carry the same capacity load that nearly everyone is carrying today.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, thank you, Senator Kremer. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think we have strayed afar from the issue with respect to LB 112. Those individuals in the State of Nebraska responsible for the maintenance of the state highway system, those people who are concerned about the damage to the highway systems in this state have indicated that there is no legitimate engineering reason to oppose LB 112 and those who contend that this is going to damage the highways of the State of Nebraska have not convinced me nor have they presented any additional evidence in contrary to the testimony of Senator Kremer. I believe it is wrong to indefinitely postpone his bill simply because you feel somewhere in the back of your mind that this may damage the highways of the State of Nebraska. The evidence is to the contrary. There is no legitimate reason when you are talking about the maintenance of the roads in the State of Nebraska, there is no legitimate reason and no evidence has been presented to encourage us to oppose this bill. Now Senator Fowler may indeed have a legitimate political reason and that relates to the taxation of motor vehicles. Now if that is the tactic I would suggest that perhaps this bill could be bracketed here on General File or on Select File and we could wait for those taxation issues to catch up with us and in fact, if they do not come out of committee, you could use this bill but that is another issue and that is a political issue and it is not an engineering reason and so I would say if that is what you want to do, fine. Then bracket the bill but it is incorrect and wrong to kill this bill and it is an injustice to those people in the agricultural community who do need this piece of legislation passed. I think the legislation is only logical. I am certain of one thing, that Senator Kremer would not intentionally try to mislead this body and I think that I will put my trust in Senator Kremer and his research and my trust in the Department of Roads and their opinion that this bill will not damage the roads in the State of Nebraska. I oppose Senator Dworak's motion. I think Senator Dworak should ask more questions perhaps in the debate if he is not satisfied. Perhaps he should do some research but I think it is wrong to just simply get up and put a kill motion on the bill as Senator Dworak indicated because he does not want to consume the Legislature's time or he has some concerns about how this affects maintenance. So I think we should reject Senator Dworak's motion. We should move the bill on to Select File