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is done by means of this amendment, then we will have compliance with what is stated as the intent and what the bill actually does. By reinstating the language that was stricken, it will make certain that the amendment does not say that trucks can only haul agricultural products it will say that those with the increased lengths will be limited to that. Now, Senator Kremer, I have discussed this with you and my concern in this is to be sure that this LB 112 will not be the first step toward a move by the trucking industry or anybody else to raise the amount of the load, to raise the weight that these trucks can haul on the highways. That is the purpose of the amendment and I would like to have a little discussion on it. Senator Kremer, do you want to make any comments on the amendment or the issues that was raised?

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Chambers, I was listening to some of my comrades over here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Comrades! Senator Kremer, oh, we recognized mainland China so it is all right now. You will still be buying wheat and so forth. All right. Would Senator Kremer's comrades allow him to answer a question. Senator Kremer, the purpose of this amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Their comments were not germane to what we are talking about so I'm discounting what they said.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, but they constitute two votes, I'm only one. This amendment that I am offering would say that the trucks with the increased length would be able to haul only agricultural products and the rationale was that the bill was offered for the people who cannot get railway cars and certain truck drivers who have cabs will not come into Nebraska and haul because the cab added to the trailer would make it too long so what this amendment does, it is to say that the trucks with the extra length would be limited to hauling agricultural products and the purpose is to be sure that this LB 112 increasing the length will not be a first step toward also raising the weight that these trucks can haul. So if you would like to address yourself to the issue, then I will hear you out.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Chambers, I will have to oppose your amendment for this reason and I will attempt to explain why I oppose it. It is true that I offered this bill because the smaller grain shipping elevators were at a handicap. They lost their railroad in many cases, and because many of the trucks that come up and pick up this grain, even our own