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ask unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment then.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any objections to the unanimous consent of Senator Chambers to withdraw the amendment? If not, so ordered. Senator Hefner, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR HEFNER: I was going to talk on the Chambers amendment but since he has withdrawn it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have to send for one person so will the Legislature be at...do you have, Mr. Clerk, well, let's just be at ease for a moment. Senator Lewis, Senator Chambers withdrew his amendment. Do you have comments you would like to make?

SENATOR LEWIS: I certainly don't.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you want to make a comment?

SENATOR WESELY: If that is all right, I just want a question of Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer, did you say that this bill really wouldn't increase the maximum tandem axle weight?

SENATOR KREMER: That is right. It will not increase the axle weight. It allows the longer trucks in this case to haul the same load as your cabover trucks haul.

SENATOR WESELY: I just wanted to make a point. I think it does increase the tandem axle maximum weight because you are going from 66,000 to 68,000 total pounds and that would increase from 33 to 34 thousand pounds the amount that could be on any individual tandem axle.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Wesely, you misunderstood me. It does not increase the axle weight of 20,000 pounds and 34,000 pounds that is now established by law. It only allows this truck to haul the full capacity which does increase the weight but not the weight that is allowed by law. That hurts our highways, Senator Wesely. This will not do any more damage for this truck. He gets the same privilege as a cabover does. That is all that it does.

SENATOR WESELY: I believe you, Senator Kremer, but I just want to explain. I am going to vote against this bill because I don't think enough members of the Legislature understand the whole process of roads and the effect that trucks have on them. I also oppose this bill because I think we ought to take a careful look at the taxing of the trucking