

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to speak against tacking this sort of an amendment onto the moped bill. I think about as far as you could go they are both motorized vehicles. According to the information we have the Department of Motor Vehicles really sees no problem. Now we hear that some counties do tax these vehicles in a different way than others do, and that may possibly be, but I feel that what we should do is to look into this situation a little bit farther, and make sure that we get the exact language in the bill that should be there. Now the description of a floater or a Big A has been thrown around loosely I think in the debates that we have had over the last week or two. There are a number of different machines that would qualify for implements of husbandry that are used for this purpose. A Big A is a certain type and a certain name... brand name, so it is not the same as some of the other equipment that I...is used for the same purpose. So I guess what I'm saying, I think you should reject the amendment to the moped bill and either come up with a new bill to take care of this, which may be difficult this year, or at least make a study of it to find out what we're really talking about. I think that most of the Senators and in fact I would say all of them from the urban areas are not familiar with what we're talking about. I'm not even sure all the farm oriented senators know exactly what we're talking about when we talk about these big machines, and Senator Schmit is absolutely right that they do spend nine...well, let's see, I guess at least ninety percent of their time in the field. The only time they're on the road is to go to work and back. So this is a different situation and I would hope that we could come up with the right bill when it does happen. This is a piecemeal thing and I would hope you would reject putting it on the moped bill and work at it some other way. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely and then Senator Maresh, and then Senator Kremer.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members...oh, I'm sorry... Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment, or Merz, whoever introduced it, because I think there a number of questions that need to be resolved before we take a step which I think is a very big one in amending LB 23. There's a number of questions that I have that, first off, I'd like to ask Senator Kremer a couple of questions. Is this amendment basically the same amendment that we heard in the Public