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LB 284

SENATOR MARESH: I want to talk on the bill.

PRESIDENT: You want to talk on the bill. All right. Senator Stoney, wishes to speak to the amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, with reference to the amendment that Senator Merz has offered, I think that it might be self-defeating. What we are attempting to accomplish here in LB 284 is to provide for these large rubber-tired cranes and maybe for purposes of identification I should clear that up now. Now it's not analogous to what we know as the sand-hill crane. This is the photograph that Senator Reutzel has given with reference to a rubber-tired crane. I will share that with anyone that is interested in looking at it. But this is not the variety that we are referring to. But to get back to the amendment, Senator Merz, in cases where these contractors will transport these large rubber-tired cranes, if it's any distance, say between Omaha and Falls City, they will disassemble those, and they will put those on lowboys...that's my understanding, and transport them in that way rather than over the highway. He's shaking his head no, so maybe he knows more about it than I.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz, were you wanting to respond?

SENATOR MERZ: Yes, I would like to respond to that because I have had them come down there and help us in different projects and they drive them from Lincoln to Falls City. They are never loaded on....never, I wouldn't say that, but a lot of times they are driven without the loading, so I think this would be a little hardship on these people to move it that far in one day. But I am sure it is being done, and I don't think it would hurt the bill any. What is the difference, one day or five days? In case the weather got bad and you couldn't move it the day you got your permit, you would have to get it the next day again. Even the guy within the city, it's going to be a problem, because I have got a lot of these permits to move combines. I know what a hassle it is. We always get ten days to move combines.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, speaking to the Merz amendment, I want to call your attention to the fact that the bill addresses itself to within the corporate