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consent calendar, we spent I don't know how many hours debating the gasoline tax last year and come back with Senator Haberman this year challenging our action last year, and here we are creating...here we are continuing to perpetuate the problem that exists in the first place. And I know politically in this state it is unpopular to curtail any kind of load...put on any kind of load limitations, but it is a mistake, it's wrong, it's expensive, it's unsafe, and I would urge you to put a red vote on this one right here and now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a quick question of Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, I presume that the overload regulation that we have now that we passed doesn't take care of sugar beets? Is that what you are telling me?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. Well, it doesn't deal with their particular problem.

SENATOR COPE: What is the problem then? I mean what...why doesn't it?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, as I tried to explain, if they took sugar beets, put them in the truck and took them directly to wherever they were going to be shipped or processed, or whatever, that I think is covered. But the problem is, they take them and they stockpile them and then they go from the stockpile to the market, and I guess because of that extra step that they add in there that they are not allowed to under the law that extra privilege that everybody else has. I think Senator Nichol can answer that question as well, but I think that is the circumstances.

SENATOR COPE: What I would...then I will ask you, what is the difference then between that and storing corn, drying it in the bin and then hauling it, what's the difference?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Cope, that is a good question, because this is the process which is used. When a farmer harvests sugar beets, the sugar beet company has areas where they have the farmers haul the beets from the farm to these stockpiles. These are usually 8, 10, 20 miles from the sugar factories. The reason they have them do this is because the factories can't receive all the beets at the time they are harvested. Then, in a month or so they start hauling these piles into the sugar factory. Now what the situation is now is this, when those who haul the beets from the piles to the factory are caught with an overload, they are