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truckers, we did come up with a bill that would help farmers and that is the key issue, to help the farmers so that they are protected and I think one of the best things of this, it assures the farmer that that weight ticket is just as good as a warehouse receipt. And so we would admonish all the farmers that take grain for warehousing, hang onto that weight receipt. That is gold. That is just like dollars in your pocket. And I feel that this thing will give the Public Service Commission more strength to watch over the grain elevators and protect them. I don't feel that we have done a bad job even though we did have several elevators close and with difficulty but we was able to compensate the farmers that had the loss. So we can say that the Public Service Commission has been doing a fairly good job even though I know in a couple of instances that they could have been on top of it a little bit quicker and they should have and I think in the future they will because we really admonished them for what they did. I mean they didn't get there fast enough and they should have and I want to present this to the Public Service Commission to be sure that they know what is going on with the grain trade because we are in very precarious times at the present time with the grain fluctuating as it is, up and down, all over the place, people putting grain in the elevator, not say anything about it. They want to hold it. The elevator then starts using this grain and selling it on the futures or something and we can really get into a mess. So it does take a good watch. If in the future we see that we are having a little more difficulty, I would recommend that the Public Service Commission hire additional staff to be able to do this, and if it takes an appropriation to do this, we had better do it because I feel that we have to have this trust in the grain trade and we have to continue that trust. It is very important. With this I would sure encourage you to advance this bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments as amended to LB 529. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Schmit, have you explained the bill? Senator Schmit, have you already explained the bill?