

PRESIDENT: So the amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are defeated and now the question before the House is the adoption of committee amendment 2. Any further discussion? All those in favor of adopting committee amendment 2 vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendment #2, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Committee amendment #2 is adopted. Does that complete the committee amendments, then, Senator Kremer. I guess we are ready then, Senator Cullan, if you will address yourself to the bill as amended.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the purpose of this bill is to clarify what is some confusion in current rules of the road so far as the movement of grain combines are concerned. In the summer of 1980 I received a phone call during wheat harvest in western Nebraska and an individual was driving a combine with a twenty foot header, twenty-two foot header, down the highway. He was stopped and given a warning ticket for having a vehicle of excess width. One section of state law says that implements of husbandry may be moved from one field to another with absolutely no width restrictions. Another specific section of the statute specifically restricts the movement of combines from one part of the state to another unless they fall within I believe an eight foot width restriction. What this bill attempts to do and does I think very satisfactorily, after looking at the statutes in other states, allows individuals to move combines from one field to another in the normal course of farm operations up to twenty-five miles with some kind of a flag vehicle in front. Most of the grain states require some kind of flag vehicle in front of grain combines. Combines now have headers, some of them up to thirty feet in width and that can be much more dangerous than the old combines that had eight and ten and twelve and fourteen foot platforms. So it is simply a change in the rules of the road relating to the movement of grain combines. I think it clarifies the ambiguity that formerly existed in state law. I think it is one that most grain farmers would find realistic and acceptable. Most farmers I know today do move their combines with a flag vehicle or some kind of a vehicle in front. If they don't, they probably should and I think that this is a reasonable proposal. I would urge you to adopt it.

PRESIDENT: An amendment on the desk. Read the amendment Mr. Clerk.