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are within your own farming operation, is it legal?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, it is legal. Under any set of circumstances if you move it more than twenty-five miles it cannot exceed eighteen feet in width.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then using an example, from Valparaiso to O'Neill is about a hundred and sixty miles you know and what am I going to do? How am I going to get my combine around, pull the header off of it?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Schmit, I think it would be grossly negligent of you to drive a combine with a twenty-four foot header all the way on the highway a hundred and sixty miles and, yes, that is the intent of this statute, to make you take your header off.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well that may be your impression but it is not mine. Thank you, Senator Cullan. I am opposed to the amendment and opposed to the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Warner amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Do you have any further amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan, do you want to move the bill?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would move the bill and I would make an additional comment at this point in time. I know Senator Schmit disagrees with the bill but the agriculture community I think has to recognize that we simply cannot move large pieces of equipment, combines some of them now with thirty foot grain headers, grain platforms, down the highways with absolutely no restrictions. I think it is not too much to require that those, when you move it more than twenty-five miles, it is not in the normal course of farm operations. When you move it from one end of the state to the other or great significant distances then, in fact, you do take those headers off and put them on trailers and move them like custom combiners and other people do. I just think that if we allow, and I'm a farmer myself and we have combines that this will apply to