

the field to their own bin site. I think that in all honesty and fairness that this should perhaps be expanded under this kind of an operation to where the damage to the roads could be far more serious than a modest fee which we would collect for the registration fee. I think also that when you look at the value of a truck, a 30 or 40 thousand dollar truck, in all realism is not going to remain idle ten, eleven months out of the year for lack of the payment of a few hundred dollars more in fee. I think most farmers are going to try to utilize that equipment more fully than that." Now that is what Senator Schmit told us in 1979 and that is why he voted to kill the bill at that time. The Senator Haberman's objections to the bill were based upon lost revenue. Senator Haberman indicated in his comments that if farmers would purchase commercial licenses and use their vehicles throughout the year, then those fees would go into the tax coffers of the State of Nebraska and we wouldn't have lost revenues. So all those agricultural Senators voted against this bill last time, and incidentally, the bill which caused the lost revenues at that time had a 30% fee, a 30% fee, not one-twelfth. The fee was 30% of what the commercial trucker would pay, not one-twelfth of what a commercial trucker would pay. So ladies and gentlemen, I think that we should reject these amendments at this time. I still think that there ought to be a provision for farmers to use semitrailer trucks. I don't think it should be at one-twelfth of the cost of the commercial trucker because realistically a lot of farmers are going to use these trucks much more than that. They are going to use it through the winter months. They are going to haul a lot of their own grain to terminals and there is going to be much more grain moved on the roads than is the case...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR CULLAN: ...without farmers having those trucks. So if you are going to adopt this bill, I think you should move more in the direction that my bill was which was a 30% fee and some other things. So at this point in time even though I think this concept is a good one, I think it needs to be reworked. I think that it needs to be introduced as a bill in the next session of the Legislature, or if we get to it, we can debate it then but it should not be an amendment to a bill that allows this broad utilization of permits by the Department of Roads. I urge you to reject the amendments to LB 408 and then I will ask you and join Senator Wesely in asking you to indefinitely postpone this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce 13 students from Norris High School and the student counsel from Firth, Nebraska. Wayne Johnson is their teacher. Would you stand and be recognized please in the North balcony. We also