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have 22 students from the eighth grade from Kenesaw, Nebraska. Alice Throckmorton is their teacher. Will you stand and be recognized please. Welcome, all of you, to the Legislature. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I guess I would just like to say I do appreciate Senator Cullan and his ability to go back and read history. As I said yesterday, if you don't learn from history, you are condemned to repeat it, and I hope that Senator Cullan will listen, that sometimes there are issues that need to be addressed in one way and sometimes in another. He quotes me when he chooses to quote me, and when he chooses to disassociate himself from me, of course, he disassociates and that is the prerogative of all of us. Now, Senator Cullan, you are a very wise young man but I don't think you have had quite as much experience delivering grain as perhaps Senator Kahle has and I can tell you very frankly that if I placed my 16 year old son in a truck and sent him down to the elevator with Senator Kahle's corn on it, he would hop out and he wouldn't go because he would know that about the time he pulled in there, Al Hanus or any of those guys would jerk him up by the neck and say, "Listen, kid, we are going to call the sheriff or the Patrol and you are going to be doing time in the slammer. If nothing else, you are going to be paying a wallop fine", and if you know the fines that are associated with that sort of use of the truck, I think you could find out what would happen pretty soon. You had better walk off and leave the truck. No one is going to use that truck to move grain into a commercial facility because the elevator operators themselves are going to ask the questions, and believe you me, they are not police officers but no one is going to take that chance. The little publication that was sent around I believe by Senator Wesely which tried to point out a contrast between the damage done to highways by automobiles with that done by trucks, he says 9,600 automobiles equivalent to the damage of an 80,000 pound truck. I think it has been well explained before, Senator Wesely, and you recognize this but there is no harm I guess in running the same old horse through the hoop twice if you can get him to do it, a well constructed highway does not suffer damage when an automobile drives over it, does not suffer damage. You can drive them over there till eternity if it is properly constructed. The same is true with a truck. If the thing is properly constructed, you are not going to have the physical damage. There are things that happen to a highway. But to try to determine the damage to a highway by virtue of the weight of a vehicle, you can probably run a million bicycles over the thing also only they are not built for bicycles and they are not going to pay for any concrete. They won't pay for the white line that goes down the edge or the yellow line that goes down the center. You

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