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almost pressed my car out with myself included but I am going to maintain that when you put a triple truck or a triple trailer on the interstate it is going to be much like the motorcycles. Drivers are not going to expect them. They are going to be entering the interstate, trucks traveling at 55, 65 plus miles an hour, and they are not going to expect that second trailer and they are not going to expect that third trailer and someone is going to lose their life. All this because of the pressure of declining railroads and the pressure of creating railroads out of our highways. And I think just in closing, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that I think that this whole issue needs further debate not here in the halls of our Legislature in the declining days of this session. It needs more closer scrutiny. It needs an interim study, certainly when it comes to the safety precautions that will guide the conduct if we should make such a move. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to argue very strenuously against the motion to suspend the rules at this point in time for the purpose of cloture, for the purpose of ending debate. Let me review for you basically what we have done on this bill. Basically we have argued one kill motion on the bill and that has been it. Now yesterday we argued 874 for quite a while and earlier today we argued LB 874 for another hour, and then for awhile after that we argued LB 413. But now we did all that arguing because John DeCamp wanted us to do that arguing, because the sponsor of this bill wanted us to do that arguing. If he had said "nothing doing, this is one bill for one purpose and I don't want any riders", there wouldn't have been all that discussion. So on LB 408 itself we have essentially argued it for about a half hour and I suggest to you that there are a number of amendments and a number of things that really need to be seriously looked at on the bill and that we would be irresponsible not to take a look at some different kinds of amendments to the bill. As Senator Cullan has indicated to you on a number of occasions, the bill is extremely broad and in fact I think from a public policy point of view each and every one of you would want to take a look at a couple of these amendments that are coming up. Again I want to state that I think that it would be an abuse of our process to suspend the rules to close off debate at this point in time when all we have done is argue one kill motion. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I