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semitruck, and so we are saying that we should not provide an additional exemption there. We will just have the law the same as it is now so that you have to have a commercial driver's license for a semi farm truck. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion? Senator Nelson, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Lamb, may I ask a question. I am sure I see the reasoning behind it. Did you get too much pressure to put the farm semis back in again or what happened?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, basically, some of the farmers were interested in this, as this may surprise you, that they are saying now we are licensed that way, we might as well keep it, and as you know, there is much interest in keeping the farm plates, period. Some states have done away with farm plates, and a lot of people see this as an unreasonable exemption when you can drive a farm licensed semitrailer without a commercial driver's license, and I agree, and that is the reason for the amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: I can see that, that point. Okay, are the trucks, 26,000 pounds and over gross, are they to be excluded now then, I understand, from a commercial license, in other words, a straight truck...

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, a farm licensed...

SENATOR NELSON: ...that a farm wife might drive to town?

SENATOR LAMB: A farm licensed straight truck over 26,000 pounds, you don't have to have a commercial driver's license, as long as you stay within 150 miles of home.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, Senator Lamb, I think that Senator Nelson answered a question I have because I think I asked you specifically on the last vote on this about this issue, and, evidently, this amendment changes what the answer was to that question before.