

Schellpeper. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 11th, referred to the Transportation Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: To Senator Kristensen and the committee amendments.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, LB 170 was a bill brought before the Transportation Committee that deals with overweight trucks, particularly overweight farm trucks. The bill originally had in it provisions dealing with permits and a permit would allow you, if you know that you are going to be overweight, would propose that if you were to operate a two-axle vehicle within a distance of 70 miles that you could do so if you would obtain a special permit that would allow you over 15 percent of the weight that was allowed by law, or the overweight. After the hearing, Senator Coordsen brought to us an amendment which is substantially the committee amendment that you will see printed in your bill book. That amendment did us several things. One is it relates to two-axle farm trucks that are registered for that. Again, it's within the 70-miles of the farm and it's for the transporting of grain or farm products from the field to a storage unit which could either be at home, on the farm or it could be the elevator or it could be a stockpile in the field. Senator Coordsen's amendment that he asked and suggested to us would have allowed for a 10 percent tolerance, in other words no special permit, just a tolerance above what the legal limit would be. Generally, that would be 20,000 pounds for each axle, the rear axles, and this would allow for a 10 percent. The committee decided against the 10 percent and went to a 5 percent tolerance. That is the committee amendment. It is for seasonally harvest products, corn, soybeans, sugarbeets, whatever, that may occur. With that, that is what the committee decided to do. Again, it's an amendment that, for all practical purposes, the amendment printed in your bill book is the bill and the one that I would suggest that you look after for most of the discussion that we'll have this afternoon. With that, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would move to amend.