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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. I will now recognize Senator Coordsen, followed by Senator Elmer. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, in the context of what Senator Warner was talking about, I would remind you that I agree with Senator Warner and I disagree with Senator Warner. One, and that is when you are loading a grain truck out of a bin, it's very easy to be within that six bushels or whatever that is. It's entirely a different thing in a variety of grains, between variety and variety, moisture content test weight. I might point out that many of our crops can vary as much as 10 pounds a bushel in test weight, without a frost, just in the natural course of the growing season, or the variety, or the field that it's grown on. A typical combine bin might hold 180 bushel or more in some of the larger ones. This variation could be as much as 1,800 pounds. It's a very narrow exemption, only to try to accommodate out of the field, has no bearing on very much over-the-road highway hauling. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Elmer. Senator Elmer waives off, passes. Anyone else who wishes to speak on this amendment to the amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Coordsen? Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President. The bill now is as amended. I think it's been pretty much agreed to by all of the people that are involved. It provides a little bit of tolerance to take into account test weights, moisture, those things that do happen in the harvest field. Very restricted in that it only applies from the harvest field to a bin site, within 70 miles. Doesn't apply to...you cannot travel on the interstate at 5 percent overload and all of the other penalties then that are in fact...that are in effect for being more than that are still in effect. So I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.