

simple thing. All you've got to do is put a board across the back of the box if you can't judge it. You can get very close, leave it about 15 inches out of the bottom of the floor, 15 or 18 inches, and you will get the load distributed without a problem if you can't guess. And that's fairly inexpensive and you can stay in if you have trouble knowing for sure when to shut the augur off. But the basic issue is one of it's one of those little, minor things that continually increase the cost of government. If you look at the fiscal note, even the 5 percent runs about one-quarter percent more than damage done than at the 20,000 level. Doesn't mean a whole lot in sense although as you get closer to the area where the grain is delivered why the traffic is more and the increase will be faster in those areas as far as the damage to the roads are concerned.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: And it's just another one of these things where we make an exception that will lead to more, it will lead to expansion. And there was reference made that those of us in agriculture do not want to get overweight tickets because they are expensive. Do you know why they're expensive? Obviously, because they do damage. If there was not significant damage from overweight vehicles, we would not have a heavy fine. It's very simple. It's meant to be a deterrent, to avoid the accumulative damage over a period of time. And while the cost of highways is important and the cost that you can save a little bit by hauling 17, 18 bushel more, it's also true that we already, in agriculture because we do not use trucks every day, have the advantage of...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...a significantly lower registration fee. I do not believe that there is justification for making one more exception that increases the damage in an area that you really don't have that much problem in knowing when you're overloaded and when you're not. And the new weight limit will be 21,000, period, because that's what we'll all load to.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I support Senator Coordsen's bill and I understand the very good arguments given by Senator Warner, but I believe there are some counter