

problem at all. If I'm going down the road to Omaha and I'm overloaded with livestock or grain and they pick me up, I pay the fine that says that it ought to be. But when you make a dozen trips in a half a day or a day an average distance of two or three miles and the travel is not on a state highway, it's on a county road or township road, we pay the taxes on those roads just as everyone else does, I think we make our share of the contribution. And I think that most of all...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...I'm upset because of the fact that without exception I can tell you again this fall that when the weather is bad and rainy and we know that mud will adhere to the vehicles and to the trucks and the mud flaps then our carrier enforcement folks will spring into action and they will be out there to protect the highways of the State of Nebraska. I say that's not why they're there. They're there because they know that conditions lend themselves to violations of the law. On a clear, bright, sunshiny day you're not going to see them out there. If they are, they won't be as prevalent. I agree with Senator Warner, we should not deliberately overload.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But I don't think we do. And I support the Coordsen bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I think that the technical things that Senator Warner talked about are true in philosophy but I must take issue with one thing. Now I certainly do not have the years in the Legislature, legislative floor, that Senator Warner has but I would suggest to you that I have spent 38 years in this business of farming and loading trucks. And when you put the board across the back of the truck and you fill that truck from a combine bin that the test weight alone, the variance in weight of the grains that you harvest can make several thousand pounds difference in the same physical volume, one grain from another, one variety from another during the course of a day when you're out in the harvest field moving through your crops. What Senator Warner says about weighing a truck or guesstimating what