

supporting this bill is that I have observed many times the damage done to our highways and roads and particularly in my area it happens to be gravel trucks with pups. And, I guess, I have not been convinced that slightly overweight farm trucks are really the major cause of our deterioration of many of our highways across the state. Really, it tends to be other types of trucks, whether overloaded or not, many of them which I think they are, but with the bounce and so forth that many of them have I think much more damage has been done, at least that I have noticed, than perhaps some occasional overloaded farm trucks. Especially, I think there's two reasons here, one is I don't have it at my hand, but some engineering studies I've seen a lot of damage is the function of speed and weight. Well, farm trucks aren't going near the speed in 99 percent of the cases that most of these larger commercial type trucks are doing. So I think most of the damage is done at higher speeds with the heavier loads and that damage is far more than what a slower moving, heavily loaded farm truck would be. In addition, Senator Coordsen's bill primarily faces the fall harvest because it's from the field to storage and generally in the fall the weather is such and the ground conditions are such that you don't have the damage to highways that you do have this time of year. And, if you've noticed, most all of our highways or many of our highways are quite heavily damaged right now, this spring. In fact, the road that I come across every day has many, many, many chuckholes pounded into it almost daily and I happen to know that in 95 percent of the cases...in this case, it's not being done by farm trucks but it's being done by other forms of commercial trucks, particularly, in this case, cement, gravel and rock trucks. And so that road is gradually deteriorating in front of my eyes. It's not overloaded farm trucks because they're...these are going to be on the fall...in the fall, compared to the damage done in the spring on most...which is done on most of our roads. So, on this basis, I'm going to support Senator Coordsen's bill and promise to myself that I won't be tempted to expand this exemption any further, George.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, do we have sufficient seconds? We do. A motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The