

CLERK: You want to withdraw, Senator, the one you had printed, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, I do, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend with AM2035. (The Kristensen amendment appears on pages 2383-86 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and members of the body, what I bring to you this afternoon, this evening, is an amendment to 854 which is actually LB 461. LB 461 is one of the Transportation Committee, their priority bills for the year and this deals with the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Our state has, as a practice every year, incorporated the federal regulations. We have done this year after year. What this does is updates this to 1991 and would incorporate the regulations that the federal system has. We have adopted that. Instead of having our own state system, we have adopted the federal system for a number of years and this is an annual bill that we bring in, as a Legislature, every year to clean this up and to bring us up to date and we incorporate all the changes they have made in the rules and regulations with the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. We also do the same thing with the federal Hazardous Materials Regulations at the same time. The other thing that this bill does, it exempts farm trucks who operate intrastate, inside the state from some of these regulations. If they are an interstate carrier that goes from state to state, they're still part of the regulations. This is only those intrastate things. The third part is a nonprofit entity organized for the electrical distribution of electrical service. We have three co-ops. Our public power districts are exempt anyway under these regulations but there are three small co-ops throughout the state that still do not follow under that and this is something that would make all the electrical systems and the service provided by these small co-ops and the companies exempt as well. Now, Senator Robinson had an amendment to this that the committee was...or we were going to do. He had filed this. He's pulled that and I agreed to save time for the body that I put his amendment into the amendment that I have so we don't have to have two sets of amendments in here this evening. If you would like to see his