

seasonal basis and the agriculture industry because they certainly have some problems on a seasonal basis complying with the hours of service. The law is Congress's...the hours of service is not a Nebraska law in terms of we didn't make the policy. The feds forced us to adopt that policy and enforce those sorts of things, and if we don't we lose our federal funding for different programs, particularly some of the enforcement areas. So the committee felt very comfortable that if we could put this amendment in here, Senator Matzke's been very diligent in looking after and trying to find some acceptable ways to accommodate not only the construction, but agriculture industries in the State of Nebraska. And at this point in time, Mr. President, I'd like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Matzke in the opening of this amendment. One further thing, if there's any member of the Legislature who has question about the rules and regulations, how they may apply, staff is available from the committee this morning and we'd be glad to sit on the sides and go through with you what...if you have one particular question about how it applies or how it works, we'd like to spend the time with you over on the side here and we'll be glad to answer any questions that you may have. If you have concerns, we would be glad to answer those as well. I'd yield the remainder of my time to Senator Matzke.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Matzke, you have six minutes left and you also have your light on after that, you can talk eleven minutes if you'd like.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I certainly won't take that much time. I want to thank Senator Kristensen for actually incorporating LB 481 into this amendment. All 481 did, the bill that I introduced, was to extend the date of applicability of the Federal Department of Transportation regulations concerning hours of service involving Class B and C commercial drivers for an additional year. In the committee hearings we shortened the year to October, and in view of the fact that all 431 did was change this date, it has been incorporated in this amendment to 461, which will effectively eliminate the necessity for LB 481. I certainly support this amendment and thank Senator Kristensen for incorporating it in this amendment proposed and urge its adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Yours is the last light. Senator Kristensen, to close on the amendment. He waives closing. We move now to the adoption of the amendment.