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It applies to agriculture and the delivery of fertilizer and farm chemicals. It also applies to the construction industry, particularly the hauling of aggregates, concrete, Ready-Mix operations. Those, both of those businesses are seasonal. They are very important to the rural areas of this state and also to the construction and repair of highways and other construction projects during the summer. I strongly oppose this motion to return the bill to Select File. I oppose the proposed amendment of Senator Will and support Senator Kristensen's bill in the present form that it is in. I think probably many of us have had experience in our younger days working on construction or with Ready-Mix trucks and realize that the same rules that apply to over-the-road truck drivers simply have no relevancy to our local workmen who are working on construction projects or hauling fertilizer and farm chemicals in the summertime. It is a different situation. The federal government is recognizing this. Part of the bill extends the exemption till October 1st. The other part of the bill establishes the twelve hour limitation, which is permitted. I would urge that the motion to return the bill to Select File be defeated.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Kristensen, would you respond to a question on the memo that you passed out.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Kristensen, as I read the memo,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: ...it addresses the issue of states having the ability to extend the hours of service requirements from ten to twelve.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: The other extensions of service that or the extension of work that you allow for in the amendment, in other