

absolutely necessary, I believe, that we have as much flexibility in this area as we are used to having in the past. And I speak as one, who when I was in college, I made my way through college by being involved in applying commercial fertilizer. It was a great summer job and it actually paid for three years of my college and during a very short period of time of about three weeks or four weeks in the spring and early summer we absolutely would have to put in anywhere from 12 to 16 hour days as the weather would permit because that was the only time, I mean you just had to do it then and that's when the fertilizer has to be applied for the crops and if you're hamstrung to the point that you can only work eight hours or something, it's just going to be tremendously inefficient and unworkable for that industry in this particular state. It might work in states who aren't so agriculturally oriented better but here it just won't work and I applaud the efforts of the bill to go to the extent that we can in allowing the flexibility and I urge you to defeat the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, coming from the construction industry, this sort of restriction would have a major impact. First of all, we must remember that this is not Texas, it's not Florida, it's Nebraska. We have a frost that sets in mid-December and sometimes does not come out till late March and so we need every construction hour that is available to actually do the work that you have. The hauling that is done generally is short hauls, they're not long over-the-road hauls. Many times they're out of the vehicles either emptying them or placing materials in different locations and really in the construction industry there have been very few accidents and incidents because of these longer hours. But it would have a major impact if we lessen these. I would certainly urge the body to not return to Select File and not to submit to the Will amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in opposition to this amendment and you know I guess ever since we got in trucking 14 years ago I have been so insulted that government has seen fit to make this decision for us, as adults, as parents of children and wanting to be careful and having a safe work environment, we can make these judgments ourselves.