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reason this bill was advanced by the Revenue Committee. We are determined, I hope, to be protective of the Highway Trust Fund. We believe that a 15 mile limitation did not affect the Highway Trust Fund. Any uncertainty about a 50 mile limitation should be addressed in a bill and a hearing before the committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen for discussion on the Engel amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise only to reenforce the statements made by the Revenue Committee Chair. We talked about this bill in...at great length, and we did, in fact, discuss other limitations on mileage than the 15 miles that were proposed. And the considered opinion, and remember this is a new program. The considered opinion of the Revenue Committee in even putting this bill to the floor, which is...this is not a new issue for us, but it's the first time we decided, in the interest of commerce, and the development of the traffic between the border communities of the state, that this might provide some economic benefit and make commercial and noncommercial transportation of truck products easier by providing this exemption for the 15 miles. I would suggest that...I don't know what anybody else is going to do, but if the Engel amendment is attached, I think that it's incumbent upon this body to not advance LB 77 any further than this stage of debate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Chair recognizes Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Wickersham and Senator Coordsen, I appreciate your input. I've discussed this with Senator Smith, and at this point in time we withdraw this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Smith, I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.