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SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Now, they have rather huge tires. Is that right?

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's why they call them a floater?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. I have had the occasion to follow some of these spiders, or whatever they're called, down the road. And they are very hard to get around, you know. And if they are operating at a lower speed, they cause traffic to pile up behind them. Maybe another ten mile an hour would help that. Is that one of your reasons for trying to implement this piece of legislation?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. It is a safety matter. And as I...this was brought to my attention. I'm like you, I've paid more attention to these big implements that we use them out in our country a lot. But they seem to back up traffic. They do have to have all their brakes, lights, headlights, taillights, and their license, like any other so-called vehicle. And we had at one time proposed 50 miles an hour, but that is the speed limit on gravel roads, and Carrier Enforcement didn't feel comfortable with that. So...and it seems as though a lot of them are simply geared to go at 40. There are others that was...through testimony, I guess can go up to 60 miles an hour. But we didn't feel maybe that was safe, as big as they are, unwieldy as they are.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Another question, Senator. Are they licensed? Do they have to have a license on them, like a trailer or anything else?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, they do.

SENATOR JANSSEN: And...