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SENATOR BAKER: Could be.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Could be. All right. Thank you, Senator Baker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Any others wishing to speak on LB 103? Seeing no more speakers, Senator Baker, you're recognized to close on the bill. Senator Baker indicates that he is waiving closing. Members, the question then before us is the advancement of LB 103. Please, all those in favor vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the vote is 40 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BROMM: The bill does advance. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 137 was introduced by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10 of this year, referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File. There are no committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On LB 137, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill originated out of an interim study this summer under the Transportation Committee. The problem is our current statutes require uncoupling of a tractor-trailer combination, by uncoupling, that means you remove the tractor, or the truck, from the trailer, for towing purposes, if the tractor-trailer and the truck pulling the...making the tow, if the length exceeds 95 foot. It has become a problem because this results in having to unhook the disabled tractor from the trailer, and then making two tows. It is a safety concern. This eliminates the 95-foot restriction for the length of the tractor-trailer and the tow truck. Now, somebody says, we don't want idiots out there pulling these tractor-trailers around when they're disabled. Well, most of these tow trucks cost in excess of \$200,000. They're heavy pieces of equipment. They're very well