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SENATOR PREISTER: Yes, Mr. President, I would respond. Senator Hartnett, the current amendment that's before us takes in all motor vehicles, and all motor vehicles would include motor homes, motorcycles, semis, all vehicles that use the roadways. What I was suggesting is that, in the spirit of compromise, we could limit that to just personal passenger vehicles and farm trucks. That would be the vehicles people would use to get back and forth for their livelihood and it would be much narrower than the current amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Is...would this be difficult for a person making the car repairs to know which is which?

SENATOR PREISTER: That's the part that we want to distinguish, because I don't want to make it difficult for the auto dealers and the repair shops in designating which is which. One possible suggestion was to do it based on the license plate, and if it's got a commercial plate then it's taxed; if it's a motorcycle plate it's taxed; mobile home, it's taxed; regular license, it wouldn't be. But we need to be clear in how we define it and so we do make it easy for the repair shops.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, and that's what I saw as maybe the difficulty of implementing this, you know, your compromise in that, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Although a personal passenger vehicle should be pretty clear, it would be a noncommercial pickup truck, it would be an SUV, it would be a minivan, it would be a regular passenger car. And so I want to be clear because I don't want to make it difficult for the shops, but I think that should be fairly easy to see.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Preister. I'll give the rest of my time back, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator...or Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brashear would ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 759 until May 14, 2003.