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SENATOR BAKER: It would not affect the 16-, 17-year-olds if they're driving a single-axle truck. What this would affect would they'd be driving a multiple unit, a semitruck, if you will.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR BAKER: Personally, my policy is no one under 21 drives any of those trucks in our operation.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I just bring that to your attention. I did want to clarify that. I'll leave that to the ag specialist to determine whether or not that makes sense. I do want to ask you another question, though, on page 13 of the bill, up there starting in line 3 through 12. And it talks about a 60-day suspension if they were involved, in this state or any other, in two serious traffic violations. Can you tell me in what section is "serious traffic violation" defined, so I can take a look at that?

SENATOR BAKER: It's in the CDL statutes. I'm talking off the top of my head here, but it's exceeding the speed limit by 20 miles per hour or over, over .0...I'm sorry, it is here in Section...on page 14: For purposes of this section, serious traffic violation...you're going to test me now. I said 20; it's 15 over. It's on the top of page 15--willful reckless driver...driving and so on. It is in the bill.

SENATOR BOURNE: Where are you seeing that, Senator Baker?

SENATOR BAKER: Top of page 15, line 2: "Speeding at or in excess of 15." I was incorrect. I thought it was 20, but it says 15. Willful reckless driving is a serious offense; improper lane change, as described in Section 60-6,139. There's a list, a whole group of violations there, that are what are considered serious violations as applied to a commercial driver's license.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And just for clarity, does that definition of "serious traffic violation" only apply when