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be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. Voting on the adoption of the Cunningham amendment. Have you all voted on the amendment who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Cunningham's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Cunningham amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Smith would move to amend with AM2357. (Legislative Journal page 730.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on AM2357 to LB 853.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to introduce to you AM2357. It relates to grain carts, flotation tires, and an exemption or an accommodation for some overweight agriculture vehicles. The amendment states that Section 60-6,294 shall not apply to a farm tractor drawing an implement of husbandry carrying grain or other seasonally harvested products from the field where such grain was harvested, to storage, market, or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory, if such implement of husbandry is equipped with flotation tires and does not exceed a gross laden weight of 48,000 pounds. This exemption does not include travel upon the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. When operated upon any highway, a farm tractor drawing an implement of husbandry as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour. This allows for the accommodation and the reasonable nature of the flotation tires distributing the weight of an overweight grain cart, as an example, and would accommodate that in a reasonable manner so as to not damage the surface. That is a major concern, as well. But please note that there is the speed limit of 40 miles per hour, and certainly an ultimate limit on the weight, as well. So these aren't unlimited amounts, by any means, but it is a way to accommodate some very reasonable transportation of agriculture products in rural Nebraska. I urge its favorable adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.