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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But would it be correct that 15 percent on one axle is really kind of double the weight load of 15 percent on two axles?

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: I believe, and it's been just a little bit since I looked at this. I think a single axle can be 20,000 pounds on the rear. I think Senator Baker...yes, I see someone shaking their head back there. On a tandem axle, I believe it's a combination. Is it 34,000, 36,000? Is it 34,000? Thirty-four thousand. So then you would take your 15 percent times your 34,000, and that's what they can carry during this seasonal permit. If this bill is accomplished, then you would take 20,000 times 15 percent, and that's what they would be able to carry. They would still be carrying a whole lot less than those double, dual axles.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and I was wondering if you could point out where these folks are so we could see. Thank you. I guess on the amendment here, the only thing...question I have is I'd like to see livestock included in it. And with that, why, I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Heidemann.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Heidemann.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Thanks a lot, Senator Louden. Senator Cudaback, fellow members, I believe this is very important. I am going to pull this amendment right now, but we are going to try to find a place for it down the road someplace. I feel it's very important to some small farmers in outstate Nebraska--and I don't like to use the word "outstate"--but small farmers that use what we call these single-axle trucks. And I guess we're going to have to get a little bit clearer or what we mean by