

I'm more confused. And I'm really glad that Senator Baack said he didn't, wasn't sure which way he wanted to go on this particular amendment. Senator Baack, could I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: When this issue that we're talking about right now that has to do with safe safe transportation, handling, and et cetera, if those rules are set out by the Department of Transportation or other agencies and if this bill passes, who is actually in charge? Who has...we're talking about a lead agency and we're talking about other agencies. I guess I'm concerned who is actually going to have the upper hand when it comes to making the regulation or the decisions of whether the rules are being followed?

SPEAKER BAACK: Well, if it comes from the federal Department of Transportation, that will take precedence over anything we would do here, so they would be in control of that.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, how does that reflect in some of the other areas of the bill that, in fact, follow the same idea as far as who is in charge? I guess what I'm trying to say is when we pass a bill, when we pass a law, and that's what we're doing here, if it is in conflict with a federal law or another...well, basically a federal law, can we, in fact, are we actually doing anything?

SPEAKER BAACK: We cannot preclude federal law with state law. We cannot do that. If there are federal guidelines and federal laws set up, we cannot preclude those. We can make ours more stringent than theirs, but we cannot make them more lenient.

SENATOR VRTISKA: We can't make them more lenient. That was a question that I wanted to ask and I thought that was probably true. So, basically, whether we pass...whether we leave this section in there or not is probably not as important as it seems as some of the rest of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: I agree with that and, upon further reflections, I said to Senator Beutler, I would have to say I think we ought to leave it in the bill so there is no question about who is the