

on 420. They're both in the commercial drivers' license language but they're not connected in one way or the other, one with each other. The one I'm talking about now is AM1324, that is the goldenrod colored copy handout that you have on your desk. The other one is a white multipage one that says, "Restricted commercial drivers' license", that is the second amendment and not the one I'm going to be talking about at this time. So there are two amendments but they are separate, one from another. All this amendment does, for those of you that have been around for some period of time, you remember at the time when the federal government passed a mandate for commercial drivers' licenses, Federal Highway Traffic Safety Act included the requirements for a commercial drivers' license and they were phased in over several years. And, at that time, the federal government authorized at the state...at a state's decision exemption for farm licensed trucks. It was published in the Federal Register for trucks that basically operated in a range of less than 150 miles from the headquarters of the farm owner. They had to be owned by the farmer and they could only haul the produce of that individual farmer, and that is the same thing that our farm license plates require. You cannot do any commercial hauling of any type for anyone on a farm license plate. At the time of the implementation then of Nebraska waiver for farm licensed trucks, which I might say has been followed as far as any information available to you...to me by every other state that has a special license for farm trucks, so that, in itself, is not unique. At the time that we created the exemption approximately, I think it was four years ago, if memory serves me right, we did not exempt farm licensed semitrucks, farm licensed combination vehicles. What this amendment does is simply strike that exception and would then provide that in Nebraska all farm licensed trucks would be exempt from a commercial drivers' license as long as they, number one, were owned by the farmer; number two, hauled only that farmer's produce; and, number three, did not operate more than 150 miles from where they were headquartered. So that, in essence, is this amendment. Mr. Speaker, I would urge its adoption.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Coordsen, could I ask you a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen, would you respond, please.