

particular vehicles need to have a particular type of license with drivers trained in a particular way for safety rationale, as the driver sharing the road with them, it makes no difference to me whether they're hauling farm products, refrigerators, beer from the breweries, or whatever it is, it's the same sort of vehicle, it's the same sort of safety considerations. If there is a rationale for that these vehicles can be offered safely on highways without having the onerous responsibility of having a commercial driver's license, perhaps we should amend, not have a commercial driver's license. On the other hand, if there is a need for, because of the complexity of particular types of vehicles, having those that drive them demonstrate a particular level of skill, maturity, whatever else goes into it, then everybody should, I guess, is my philosophy. So I would not be supportive of the Coordsen amendment. On the other hand, I suppose in an attempt to find something that we can...I shouldn't say we, that I can feel supportive of and not feel as though it's putting a big hole in our statutes, maybe if the rationale is that farmers do have a need for transporting products, a short distance, it ought not to be under the standard that everyone else is, maybe there is some rationale for that. But 150 miles is not a short distance. Now I know we people in eastern Nebraska get accused of not understanding the geography of our state, but 150 miles is a long ways even by Nebraska standards to put somebody in a vehicle and let them operate that who have not demonstrated the skill that we require for anyone else driving that particular vehicle. So what I propose, again, it's a number probably no less or more magical than the 150 is, is 35, 35 miles, I think, would get most people in the State of Nebraska from their homes to a market or a municipality of some kind. One hundred and fifty miles of operation is...get me from my home at least to Grand Island and that's a considerable distance. That's two and a half hours behind the wheel of one of these big vehicles that we're authorizing people to drive without having...without having demonstrated a need for a commercial driver's license. So this is an amendment genuinely offered as so that I won't have to vote no on the Coordsen amendment, to give some consideration for individuals driving the farm vehicles to get...for those...for genuinely short distances a means so that they wouldn't have to comply with the standard, but not giving people two and a half hours to three hours worth of driving behind the wheel of one of these big vehicles without having demonstrated their skills by acquiring a CDL. I would urge you to support the amendment.