

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on the amendment by Senator Withem. Senator Hartnett, did you wish...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think I rise to support the amendment. I also have a couple of questions. Senator Coordsen, I guess, how big is...how big a truck are we talking about? About this big, or this big? (Laughter.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you, Senator Hartnett. What we're talking about is not the size of the truck but the design of the truck. If a truck has a box on that back of the truck behind the cab that is capable of hauling other material then the truck is not a combination vehicle, it is a truck and trailer and exempt under current law. If the truck does not have any box on the frame behind the cab and has a fifth wheel or some other type of hitch pulling the same size of trailer then it is a combination vehicle.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: So it's not size at all.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Oh, it isn't size, okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: No.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Kristensen, if I could ask you a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You said that you heard this bill in committee and the vote was four to four, what was the rationale or the discussion about, you know, why people opposed it? And was it the safety factor that you answered Senator Beutler's question, or...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I think the...and I won't speak for everybody in the committee, but my general impressions are that you're driving down the road and a semitractor-trailer passes you, and a second one passes you. The first one is owned by a farmer and is loaded with the exact same weight as the second truck. The first truck doesn't need a commercial driver's license, the second one does. And if you're going to be on the