

move for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Chambers, on the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm trying to get a handle on what's going on. My light was on for some of the other amendments, or the other amendment, so I haven't decided yet how I will react to this. I'm going to listen to the debate. And, Senator Coordsen, my mind is open on this, as open as the wide open spaces that I-80 will take us through sometimes when we're driving through other parts of the state. But I was...I was fascinated by Senator Kristensen's comment on the other amendment, where he said, one semi goes past you, that one gets special consideration, the other one goes by and it doesn't. Made me think about what I was talking about this morning in my district. When it comes to police protection, all the others get one kind of protection, and mine does not. People can understand it with trucks, but they can't understand it with people sometimes. So I'm just trying to show how my mind is trying to grapple and grasp these more significant things. And my good friend, Senator Witek, I hope she doesn't mind me saying that, but she had indicated that she feels more comfortable with her husband driving because he's had a lot of experience, and she feels safer because of that experience. But when I tried to show that experienced officers should be able to better do the job, people couldn't understand the value of experience when it came to police work. So, again, in driving trucks it's understood, but not with people. So I'm trying to kind of put these things together and hope I can pull you my way on this, like you're on the trucks. And as for Senator Janssen, sitting there smiling at me, Senator Janssen, you said when you were 17-years old your reflexes were better than they are now. That may not necessarily be the case, you don't need as much in the way of reflexes when you're driving a stagecoach as when you're driving a car. (Laughter.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to support the Coordsen amendment. As he stated, I won't go into all the things that he stated, but under the federal act it allows each state, at its own discretion, to do such. I think it's important to remember that these small communities, they don't have the workforce, they simply do not have the workforce to