

discussion held that this was another exemption available. This dates back to last year probably at this time when this exemption became a possibility at the federal level. There were discussions on what to do and whether this would be good. The Transportation Committee did give the people who were interested in this, the co-ops and so on, the language through the summer if they wanted to work on that for a bill to do so. There was not a bill introduced. Once the hearing was concluded they came to the committee with basically the interests. The bill had already been reported out or was about to be reported out. The committee was reluctant because at that point in time there were still negotiations being carried on as to whether this was a good amendment or not and so the committee basically said, look, we're just going to take 420 as it was heard in committee, we made no committee amendments to it and made the policy choice that if Senator Coordsen wanted to put his other bill or this amendment, he could bring it to the floor of the Legislature. And so, was there a full hearing on this particular issue? No, because there was not a bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so they had an opportunity to bring a bill in and to have an advertised public hearing on it, but they chose not to do so, apparently, for whatever reason.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's my understanding.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so there had been no noticed public hearing on this, that's been avoided in this particular case, either intentionally or unintentionally, one way or the other.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. This...this particular exemption that is apparently available under federal law, is it available to more than farm related vehicles, or just to farm related vehicles?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It's...it's my understanding that it's a seasonal application, it isn't just primarily to farmers, but it's a...it's a seasonal sort of on again, off again.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But that's...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: There may be other seasonal things, other than agriculture. But agriculture is obviously the most notable