

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Schmit, did you want to tell us about the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, yesterday when I thought the bill was going to be up on General File I handed out a schedule of the proposed fee increases of LB 72. At the present time a farm truck can be licensed for \$22 up to 40 tons. We also have a provision where a farm truck can have a special license by paying one-twelfth of the commercial fee for 30 days operation. That is used by a number of farmers just during harvest. This is an attempt to make that fee somewhat more commensurate with the responsibility and the provisions of the commercial fleet. For example a fifteen ton load would have...the farm license would have to pay 14% of the commercial rate. It would be increased from \$22 to \$40. A forty ton truck would be an increase to 29% of the commercial rate, from \$22 to \$265. It also includes a provision that the words "not for hire" must be included on the license plate of that farm license. I think it is an attempt to be more equitable. The Motor Carriers did not object to it. I do not know of any...I don't think there was any objection at the hearing and I would be glad to answer any questions, otherwise I would move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, just a word to support Senator Schmit with this bill. This has been...we have had a lot of requests in my area of the state and I'm sure in other areas of the state to provide for a better licensing situation for larger trucks and I believe this will do it. They also have the option to do as they have in the past to get a one-twelfth license if that is what they want. We use these kinds of trucks on our own farm and I think that this would certainly clarify what they need to pay and what they can do with those trucks and I certainly think the idea of putting "not for hire" on the license is a good idea. I don't believe the farmers have the intention of getting into the trucking business and they shouldn't, especially under this kind of a license. So I hope you will support this on this morning when votes are hard to get. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I would just like to ask a