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Legislature, I would like to offer this amendment to satisfy the concerns of some of the individuals relative to the wide open use of this equipment on the highways other than interstate in the State of Nebraska. This amendment provides that the equipment can be operated on streets and highways within 35 miles of the interstate system. This means that the equipment could be staged and put together at David City, transported to the interstate south of Seward and from that point on west to Denver. And I would move the adoption of the amendment. Again, I want to reemphasize what I said to Senator Kahle. I have no intention of trying to open up the interstate system or the highway system to the utilization of triple trailers. I did not discuss the bill with any member of the trucking industry. I did not discuss it with anyone except the people with whom I worked at David City. The bill was drafted specifically for that purpose and only that purpose. We will abide by any limitations that you feel are necessary to provide and guarantee safety on the highway system and certainly I think that the record of the triple trailers in other states indicates that they can be operated safely. But we will operate with any kind of regulations which the Department of Roads or anyone else wants to impose upon us. All we want is the authority to move this equipment and to look at it as equipment, I look at it as equipment just as I look at a modular home or an oil well drilling rig or the power line poles, or the vast amounts of other equipment which from time to time because of commerce must be moved down the highway system. Unfortunately, we have no other way to get it from point to point. Now in this instance here, yes, we could haul them in double units to Lincoln and load them on the rails and haul them that way. That would cost approximately \$145 more per unit than it would to move them in the manner which they are going to be used in the states which allow them. But we do not ask for that. I have no intention that it becomes that and I would not support any amendment that would allow them to be used in any other category than that which I have offered here. I ask for your support of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, did you wish to speak to the amendment? No. Any other discussion on the amendment?