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these trucks when they are asked the question and this is based on the Utah evaluation in September of 1975 after extensive experience with triple trailers in Utah. Here are the questions and here are the answers. Our triple trailer combination is as safe as others. Yes, 36 percent; no, 64 percent. These are people that drive them. Do triple combinations handle as well as others? Yes, 25 percent; no, 71 percent. Do you have sufficient power for adequate acceleration? Yes, 28 percent; no, 49 percent. Have you noticed any abnormal swaying of any of the trailers? Yes, 75 percent; no, 25 percent. Now based on this, colleagues, all of these considerations and particularly public opinion out there...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...it is really beyond me that we are seriously considering passing a bill of this sort today and I would urge you to vote against it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, first thing I want to do is instruct Senator Haberman that he ought to either listen and pay attention or at least learn to properly represent what he heard. When I talked about the "Drunk Farmer" bill, I mentioned that it is discussed in those terms in the Iowa Legislature. When a lightweight tries to deal with a heavyweight, the heavyweight must show some mercy and compassion, so with that I am going to leave it instead of putting my foot up, crushing the lightweight and grinding him into the floor. I won't do that. But he needs to pay attention. Yes, Senator Goll, I am through with that issue. But back to the killer trucks, I am surprised that Senator Hefner would talk about brakes only in terms of the distance it takes a vehicle to stop. All that the brakes can do is stop the wheel from turning. The quality of the tires, I am sure Senator Hefner knows, and the condition of the roadway have a great deal to do with it as well as velocity, momentum and things of that sort. And I noticed that those who speak in favor of this

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