

bill have connections with industries that use trucks. So if you can put a driver in a position to have to drive a longer truck or a larger truck to carry more of whatever it is at one time, then it is a profit producer for the one who employs the driver. But there is not great concern or caring for the welfare of that driver or the people who might be placed in a hazardous situation on the highway as a result of these trailers. Now there was a guy who said, there is a sucker born every minute, and somebody added, if you find a sucker, bump his head. With the kind of legislation that this represents, which the State of Nebraska is giving to the trucking firms, if the State of Nebraska were converted to a human being, that human being would have more knots and bumps on his head than a porcupine has quills. Nebraska is being suckered with this bill. While we are discussing it on the floor of the Legislature, there is a relatively small number of people in this room and we have a tendency to feel that these are the only people who are concerned or involved in the issue before us. But there is a much vaster public composed of far more people and their welfare is more significant to me than the convenience of Tempte or whatever other company might decide to use these triple trailers. I can't say that the defense of these trucks has been eloquent. It doesn't have to be eloquent because the issue is not being decided on the floor of the Legislature as a result of the production of facts but in other places by means of other methods, Senator Hefner, than the production of facts. I can understand those involved in the trucking industry being for this bill because birds of a feather do tend to flock together. Now there is one other point that I want to make for sure. When Senator Beyer mentioned that he has driven all kind of trucks, that doesn't prove anything except that he has driven more trucks. That's all. It doesn't even mean he understands what a truck is. So those mere assertions don't bear on the issue before us at all. For him to indicate by his words that it takes no more time for a long item to cover the distance that it takes a short item, I would say is a misunderstanding of principles of ordinary physics. If I am going to throw a stick which is 20 feet long, well, I won't go into all of that, but you get the point. Now if a certain amount of energy, Senator Hefner, is required to