

tractors for test, you could have your permit taken away permanently. Under the bill we limit that to five years and allow them sort of a grace period in which they get back into good graces with the testing laboratory, and hopefully then preclude any problems that may arise during that time. Also it allows that rules and regulations for testing codes will be set by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents as opposed to the Department of Ag. The Department of Agriculture will continue to set the enforcement of the act as they currently do and, finally, permit sales are issued upon the completion of the test, and given a manufacture ratings based on the performances that are done at the testing site. Finally, the fees. The fees are done on a sliding scale, based on the tractor engine size and PTO horsepower. Under the bill, or under the existing fee structure, depending on the size of the tractor, the cost would go up or down, depending if it was a smaller tractor, of course, the cost would be less. But on a larger, say four wheel drive tractor you might see the test costs go up as far as maybe \$14,000. So it just depends on the size of the tractor for the cost. And as I said, it is a fee basis in which they have to...the manufacturers have to pay. So, as I said in my opening on the committee amendments, there is a lot of sentimental value to the tractor testing facility in the state, at the University of Nebraska. But when we are looking at the cost to the manufacturers, the duplication of services, the duplication of those costs have really forced us to reevaluate whether we need a double standard or double testing of tractors in the State of Nebraska. It seems evident and fair that we would switch this over to become an OECD testing site so that the tractors manufactured in the United States, on this continent, could be tested at the University of Nebraska site, and those standards would be accepted by not only...here...not only the people here in Nebraska but all over the world and other OECD testing sites on foreign continents. So, with that, I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment to the committee amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the committee amendments. (Vickers amendment appears on page 1297 of the Legislative Journal.)