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SENATOR WARNER: No. Could not charge.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Nore, then Carpenter, then Keyes.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question. It seems as though that as our farming operations in Crete, in size, that a semi trailer is just about as important as a straight truck, isn't it, in, in some areas?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, as a labor sav--time saving device for some, it's more important, yes.

SENATOR NORE: For instance, hauling hay and etc.? Bulky products?

SENATOR WARNER: It could be used for that.

SENATOR NORE: Now why, how come, the Seward County Cooperative, they have commercial trucks.

SENATOR WARNER: Now the gentleman that you see listed there was a member of the board of the Seward County Co-op and he testified to the fact that this type of a license would relieve some of the congestion during harvest period where a semi with a larger load coming in instead of two or three straight trucks, to unload the same amount.

SENATOR NORE: Well, why don't we give the right of the farmer to use a, use a semi the same as he uses a straight truck.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I have, Senator Nore, I, I don't feel the bill would pass, if it was presented that way. This is sort of a compromise between putting a farm license on a semi and, I think we have to recognize they do carry a substantially heavier load. The road has to be built to carry it. They probably ought to be paying their proportionate share for the period that they use it.

SENATOR NORE: Well, I'm real skeptical about the fact that Nebraska Motor Carriers Association is for this, aren't you?

SENATOR WARNER: No, why would you be?

SENATOR NORE: It's sort of a foot in the door, isn't it?

SENATOR WARNER: Oh no, no, I'm sure they would generally be opposed.

SENATOR NORE: They're not opposed.

SENATOR WARNER: They did not appear--well, I think their appearance was more of one that it was not in opposition but not necessarily in support.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question on line 7 and through 8 and 9, down through "and produce". Specifically, what do you mean, in exchange of service? What's the limitation of that?

SENATOR WARNER: This is identical, same language, Senator Carpenter, that is currently in a farm license; if you're familiar with that then you know the same limitation here, but normally, the way that is implemented is one farmer owns the combine, maybe the other farmer, neighbor, owns the truck and other equipment and they harvest together and this allows them to exchange help because that's what they're doing.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, would you object, for example, to striking that language out and leaving the farmer have the