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opposed say no. So ordered. The bill as amended is advanced. Now, Senator Richendifer, for what purpose did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President, I would ask unanimous consent to unbracket 417 on E & R engrossing and send it on its way for the purpose of withdrawing my amendments.

PRESIDENT: You are, excuse me. Are you withdrawing your amendment to it?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Yes. It will go on its way with the Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Very good. OK. Before we move on, we'll move back then to 384. I think we have Senator Dickinson's... but just a moment. OK. Senator Richendifer is asking unanimous consent to unbracket LB 417 on E & R for engrossing. Are there any objections? Hearing none. So ordered. The bill is unbracketed. Now, Senator Dickinson, back to you. We bypassed 384 because you had an amendment, apparently, on 384 on Select File. I think you were out of the chamber at the time.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, Clerk, did you read the amendment?

CLERK: Yes. The amendment---read.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I think those of you that are looking at this, it's self-explanatory. I think as the bill was explained the other day, it was suppose to do some clarifying and in my opinion didn't do it, and I am simply trying to make it crystal clear that a farm trailer of any kind being pulled behind a farm tractor does not have to be licensed. So, it is simply clarifying the definition of a farm trailer that needs licensing to this extent.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendment?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I move the amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the...Senator Anderson, did you wish to be heard on the amendment. It is on Select File. Go ahead, sir.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, as I understand Senator Dickinson's amendment, it is to make it clear that a trailer pulled behind a tractor does not have to be licensed, but I think we are creating many more problems here than what we are solving. Number one, there are several other sections of the law that specifically require vehicles such as a trailer that are on the roads to be licensed. They are not taken care of by the amendment. There is another very serious problem here and this is the collection of ad valorem tax, the personal property tax, that must be made at the time that the trailer is licensed. If we adopt this amendment, it makes it much more difficult to collect the ad valorem tax, so I really think that for the sake of tax collection, I think for the sake of the farmer himself, it would be a whole lot simpler if he realized that all of his trailers that are going to be used on the road have to be licensed, period. The license plate only costs a dollar. So, certainly, it is not a financial burden. I think if we push this thing too far we are working for the disadvantage of the farmers. Then, people start saying that the farmers are getting too many advantages here. I think the dollar fee is fair. I think it does permit the collection of ad valorem tax and I think that we would be making a mistake by adopting the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Burbach, then Senator Whitney. We have the Dickinson amendment on Select File.