

SPEAKER PROUD: Why can't they force the shipper to pay more because what is he going to do if they don't ship the stuff?

SENATOR SNYDER: That is the point of the problem Senator Proud. I think that it is up to us to recognize that this is a severe problem. Yes, yes, they can, they can sit at home and they will, but I think that the American consumer is not really going to understand the catastrophic proportions of a truck shut down until it is too late. I am saying that we as a legislature can act as to hopefully urge the federal people to act quickly to advert the American people having to learn the hard way just how severe a truck shut down would be as far as getting goods into the state or out of the state. That is the jest of the resolution Senator Proud, it is a question.

SENATOR PROUD: Are the shippers protesting? They are the ones that have to pay the freight, aren't they?

SENATOR SNYDER: I don't think that they are protesting right now, I think that they would like to get their goods out. I think that they would help or I mean hope that rather than themselves having to pay for higher cost of shipping the goods that they as I feel, I would rather see it come the other way and the cost of our transportation fuels roll back to where some of the American public can begin to live with it again, including the truckers.

SENATOR PROUD: Is your resolution basically asking that the federal government do something, or are you...or does your resolution say to cut back the fuel price it has...

SENATOR SNYDER: It has a set price in there Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: It does have a set price?

SENATOR SNYDER: It has a set price which goes back to about four to six weeks ago. This is the price that the truckers say that they can live with, even though it is more than what they were paying. They were paying about 24 and 25 cents a gallon.

SENATOR PROUD: I'm not saying that your resolution is wrong, I may very well vote for it, but how do we know what the price ought to be? Suppose that price is more than the oil companies can take. Suppose that they have got to pay more than that for it? How do we know? Do you have some facts to justify this particular price? I mean how do we know what the oil companies have to pay for this?

SENATOR SNYDER: You are really asking why did I choose 33¢?

SENATOR Proud.

SENATOR SNYDER: Per gallon as a figure? This is the price that was the cost of diesel fuel from three to four weeks ago. The first of this month the independent truckers received a 3% rate increase. They say that rather than raise the rates again and thereby costing the individual American consumer more money, we can get the oil companies to roll back in this