

their rates they have no competition. Now let me ask this body, is there anyone here would object to the introduction of a bill which would have as its sole purpose the directing to the Nebraska Railway Commission the right to set the rate on independent haulers?

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Senator Carpenter, I don't know if I have any objection, but I doubt that, I don't know but I doubt that the state of Nebraska can regulate shipping charges on interstate commerce over the federal government.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm not talking about that, I'm only talking intrastate.

SENATOR PROUD: Oh intrastate.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Obviously we can do nothing to encourage the federal government to do anything.

SENATOR PROUD: Oh, I'm sorry, I thought that you said interstate.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No, simply intrastate. ONLY traffic originating in the state and ending within the state. That is really the problem of most independent truckers. Some of them sure, travel all over the 49 states, but I am talking about the basic of the multitude of independent truckers. If you want to do something for them, irrespective if they want it or not, someone has to set the rates so they are sufficient to the point of taking care of the problems that they have in hauling these various items that that they haul. Again I renew the question. Will anyone object to me introducing a bill which will direct the Nebraska Railway Commission for doing exactly that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, Dickinson, then Keyes.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, before I would object I would want to be able to understand it Senator. I don't know what controlling the rates means and I don't know what controlling the rates would do for a or against them.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I can tell you what it would do. It would allow them to live and at least pay their debts on the trucks and make a nominal profit. That is what the railway commission is for.

SENATOR KELLY: If I could understand that question that the man answered for me last evening, was that in most instances their rates are controlled by ultimate tests and that they contract with the trucking company and get a percentage of that rate.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm not asking you to vote for the bill, I'm only asking you to allow me to introduce a bill, which is passed, defeated, or amended or otherwise it will go further to correct the problems than anything that we have been talking about. This is an area in which we have the complete responsibility for it. I would not commit you to vote for the bill, but just the introduction of the bill.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much.