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LB 417

SPEAKER MARVEL: The other motion is to readvance the bill to E & R for Engrossment. All those in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion is carried. The bill is readvanced. The next item is 417.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cullan would move to return LB 417 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this amendment I think is really just Senator Warner and I finally getting together on what language we really wanted to do, what we have wanted to do for several weeks. So I think it really is just in the nature of a bill drafting amendment just to clarify what the amendment will do and how it will leave the situation is as follows: LB 417 would change...if this amendment is adopted and this is what we have always intended to do, would change the width law with regard to combines in the following manner. Combines in the normal course of farm operations less than eighteen feet in width would be driven on highways during daylight hours or hours of darkness with clearance lights without a pilot vehicle or flag persons. Combines in the normal course of farm operations if over eighteen feet in width may be driven on highways during daylight hours or during hours of darkness with clearance lights for a distance of 25 miles or less if accompanied by a flag person or a pilot vehicle. The amendment proposed would add the following...the amendment proposed would add the provisions allowing movement at night. That was something that I neglected...that was just an error in one of my earlier drafts. The width exception accorded to equipment dealers would remain unchanged. The width restriction placed on combines traveling into or throughout, or through the State of Nebraska during harvest seasons and vehicle transporting those combines will remain at 15 feet. The current law as interpreted by the Department of Roads as allowing 15 feet would only when such vehicles are being used to transport combines, but there is a possibility that the bill as it is now could be interpreted to mean that vehicles used in transporting combines could have such words any time regardless of whether they are actually hauling combines. The amendment would clarify this with the added exception that such vehicles could travel unloaded for short distances during the harvesting operation. Again, this amendment has been run by the Department of Roads several times. I think it accomplishes what Senator Warner and I have tried to accomplish and had