

say aye, opposed. The bill is advanced. Now we will go back to 408. Senator Schmit is the next speaker on that bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Cullan says we should not do anything that would increase the load upon our highways at this time. Well I would suggest that if the Burlington Motor will go back to running between Bellwood and Lincoln I will hop on it every morning and ride it down and I will ride it back home at night but the simple facts of life, Senator Cullan, are that we do not have rail transportation in a great many portions of the state. We have no recourse except to depend upon the trucks. Trucks have provided access to markets for hundreds of thousands of persons and industries and businesses in the State of Nebraska and we have got to find some way to provide better access to those markets, better access to those businesses who are frankly going to suffer very much in those areas that do not happen to live upon the main lines of the railroad. Railroads have made a good business out of moving coal and to a certain extent, grain, but there are many, many areas of the state that cannot rely upon that. We need to find out if there is a better method for moving transportation by truck. If so, then we ought to use it. I guess Senator Wesely, who is deeply concerned about saving of energy, ought to be one of the persons most adamantly in favor of anything that would save energy. There is reason to believe that this kind of a combination, if it proves to be safe and proves to be reliable, could save 45% of the energy that is involved in moving trucks transportation. I recognize there are still some limitations. We all do. But I think that the Kremer amendments are reasonable amendments. In regards to whether or not they are germane I just want to say that the subject matter is what determines germaneness. There have been bills here which have not involved the same chapters but have nonetheless been declared germane. The subject matter is germane. We ought to consider it. We ought to look at it from the standpoint of what is best for the entire State of Nebraska, not just what is best for a small area or a small section or one particular industry. We recognize there is a matter of competition between various modes of transportation and that is good. We have talked about it a great deal, about the benefits of competition on this floor. I think that we ought to take a look at this. If it proves to be worthwhile we can go ahead and adopt something more definitive and I think that the Kremer amendments are worthwhile amendments. We ought to vote for them. We ought to adopt them and we ought to advance the bill.