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SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as I mentioned before, I am very interested at this point to go ahead and kill the bill. You have adopted at least part of the Kremer amendment which evidently has some problems according to Senator Cullan's comments at the time that was adopted. The bill itself ought to be killed for a lot of different reasons. I talked about them earlier. I had passed out to you a number of different handouts. I am going to go through those again and hope that you still have them and then I will go on to some other information. I think if you research the issue you will find so many concerns about this proposal the conclusion has to be that it should not be passed by this Legislature. I did pass out a summary sheet that looked at the amendments that we adopted to the bill from the committee. The summary shows that there is hardly any sort of direction whatsoever given to the Department of Roads in terms of what they are going to test for, how they are going to test, what they are going to accomplish with the test, how long they are going to test and a number of other questions that are raised by the handout that I sent to you. You know I think Senator Cullan mentioned...I know that there has been some talk about this, that there is no designation that we are even talking about trucks. We are talking about vehicles. It could be mobile homes. It could be anything. It could be trucks. It could be something else. There is no discretion whatsoever that isn't allowed for under this to the Department of Roads. They could test anything they want to. I think the first thing we need to do is understand that it is probably an unconstitutional delegation of authority from this Legislature to the Department of Roads. The second handout that you got from me concerned a picture. It is a picture that I think is devastating. It has been in the Journal. It has been in the World Herald. It has been in the Star. You can see from this picture how incredible the concept is of triple trailers. I think once you start getting these vehicles on the road you are going to have a public reaction which is going to be very negative. I know for a fact that I was in Nevada and I had to deal with a few of these, the awesome impact that they have on you. There was one night that I was traveling in Nevada last year that we were trying to pass a truck, didn't realize it was a triple trailer, and trying to get around that darn thing not knowing where we were at night, it was just a scary experience because it is a much longer vehicle and a much more difficult vehicle to deal with and I think that the pictures that have been expressed in the different papers indicate just what we are talking about here. These are very, very long vehicles, vehicles that I think pose a safety hazard to motorists whether they are on the interstate or some other highway. And again the amendment doesn't specify it is only limited to the interstate.

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