

a distance figure, give them something they can enforce and make it apply to everybody. That is what this amendment would do. I ask for your approval of it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would urge you to defeat this amendment. I guess one point hasn't been made in this debate, and maybe when Senator Vickers hears this, something he hasn't considered, he'll change his mind. But the rest of the members maybe ought to also be aware of this, they may not be. Semi's are bigger than cars. Now you may not be aware of that, but that is the reason. Semi's are a bigger sort of vehicle. They obstruct vision much more readily than a Toyota does. That is the problem. When the vehicles...and again if you read what we are talking about, the driver of a vehicle drawing a semi shall not follow another motor vehicle drawing a semi. Or a semi shall not follow a semi basically is what we are saying here. That is where the obstruction of vision comes in, that is where the safety hazard comes in. They are unique vehicles. They aren't Toyota's, they aren't motorcycles, they aren't manure spreaders, they are big vehicles and they do restrict the vision. The other point I guess I'd like to make is maybe it is a good idea. I don't know if it is a good idea to have a specific distance requirement for vehicles following other vehicles. Thinking about the argument, yes, it does kind of bother me when I'm being tailgated by another car. That car can...if I have to stop quickly and that car plows into me, that car can kill me as dead as a semi can. The argument does not have...is not without its philosophical argu...support for it. I would not necessarily reject it out of hand. I guess what I'm concerned with, with this, is making a significant type of change in this bill on Select File when we haven't had the opportunity for the Highway Patrol, the Road Department, the individual police officers, the Triple A, the other folks who follow this type of legislation and offer input to us to point out problems that may be created with it. If the voters are good to both Senator Vickers and to me next fall, and we are both back here next year, I'd be delighted to talk with Tom about whether we need to introduce a bill that sets a specific length requirement for cars following cars. I may have a good argument. It may go in front of the Public Works Committee. The Highway Patrol may say, yes, that is a good idea, we need that for cars too. And the