

explaining the rationale behind the 15 percent cap that we put on and the reason why he is now taking it off. So I would also urge the body to adopt the amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Higgins, did you wish to speak to the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, as you know I was involved in a Committee on Committees meeting just a few minutes ago when Senator Rod Johnson was explaining his amendment. So I wondered if I could ask, use the time to ask Senator Rod Johnson a few questions, because I couldn't intelligently speak to this amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson, will you respond?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Johnson, as I read this basically what the bill is going to do is do away with tractor testing by the university?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No, that is not correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: That is not correct. Would you tell me what it is going to do.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: All it would do, currently Nebraska is the only state that provides for a state tractor testing law. And we have a tractor testing facility at the University of Nebraska. What we are attempting to do is to change that system over to an international testing site for tractors to comply with basically international law and standards, and that way eliminate sort of a double, I guess double standard or double structure in which currently manufacturers must test their, most of the time must test their tractors in other countries, in other parts of the...for OECD's testing standards. In fact I think I read over three-fourths of the tractors that are tested at the University of Nebraska are also tested, before that time, by the OECD. So there is a duplication there that is unnecessary if we would make Nebraska's site an international site to accept OECD testing.