

axles to distribute that weight, but this is a 15 percent overload on axles which means that there is not ample support for the load to reduce damage to the road that the truck is being driven on. I understand the problem of the beets are in the bill and we added an amendment which would have allowed beets, although the Attorney General had indicated that there was one other question on classification on that area, but it was, I think, written, that is the opinion written, without the benefit of discussion of the uniqueness, sufficient uniqueness for beets because obviously other farm products, at least none that I know of, is ice and snow and mud a problem in the loading up of those farm products, grain. Obviously you just don't have it in them. So you could have made a case, I think, for uniqueness. Notwithstanding that, there is no justification to expand this overweight for commercial trucks to haul from field to market or from field to storage. You can't argue that it's an emergency measure. You can't argue that it's an emergency because of harvest because that just isn't a factor and I would urge that the bill be returned and the enacting clause stricken. There is no harm in...we've had the current law for three or four years now. There is no harm in waiting one more year in order to have a bill that really only would address the one area that may be a problem which is beets. But it certainly is no justification to expand it to commercial trucking and that's what the bill does. I'd urge you to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to speak on the Warner motion? Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President, members, I would rise to oppose Senator Warner's motion to return this bill. I think that something that should be noted in the bill is that the bill is actually more restrictive in the form that it is in now than it was originally because in the original bill it said you could go from field to storage and storage to market or factory or from field to stockpile and stockpile to market or factory and in the bill itself it now strikes the language as to storage. The storage to market or factory is no longer possible under this bill so it only applies from stockpile to market or factory and not from storage and stockpile I think refers very specifically, you know, pretty specifically to the beet area so I think it applies to the beet problem and Senator Warner has stated that