The Committee on Transportation (Simpson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 97 - 99

and insert:

Section 41. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection (14) of section 316.515, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.515 Maximum width, height, length.—

(3) LENGTH LIMITATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, length limitations apply solely to a semitrailer or trailer, and not to a truck tractor or to the overall length of
a combination of vehicles. No combination of commercial motor
vehicles coupled together and operating on the public roads may
consist of more than one truck tractor and two trailing units.
Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this section, a
combination of vehicles not qualifying as commercial motor
vehicles may consist of no more than two units coupled together;
such nonqualifying combination of vehicles may not exceed a
total length of 65 feet, inclusive of the load carried thereon,
but exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices approved
by the department for use on vehicles using public roads.
Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a truck
tractor-semitrailer combination engaged in the transportation of
automobiles or boats may transport motor vehicles or boats on
part of the power unit; and, except as may otherwise be mandated
under federal law, an automobile or boat transporter semitrailer
may not exceed 50 feet in length, exclusive of the load;
however, the load may extend up to an additional 6 feet beyond
the rear of the trailer. The 50-feet length limitation does not
apply to non-stinger-steered automobile or boat transporters
that are 65 feet or less in overall length, exclusive of the
load carried thereon, or to stinger-steered automobile or boat
transporters that are 75 feet or less in overall length,
exclusive of the load carried thereon. For purposes of this
subsection, a “stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter”
is an automobile or boat transporter configured as a semitrailer
combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame
located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.
Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), any straight truck or
truck tractor-semitrailer combination engaged in the
transportation of horticultural trees may allow the load to extend up to an additional 10 feet beyond the rear of the vehicle, provided said trees are resting against a retaining bar mounted above the truck bed so that the root balls of the trees rest on the floor and to the front of the truck bed and the tops of the trees extend up over and to the rear of the truck bed, and provided the overhanging portion of the load is covered with protective fabric.

(b) Semitrailers.—
1. A semitrailer operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer combination may not exceed 48 feet in extreme overall outside dimension, measured from the front of the unit to the rear of the unit and the load carried thereon, exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices approved by the department for use on vehicles using public roads, unless it complies with subparagraph 2. A semitrailer which exceeds 48 feet in length and is used to transport divisible loads may operate in this state only if issued a permit under s. 316.550 and if such trailer meets the requirements of this chapter relating to vehicle equipment and safety. Except for highways on the tandem trailer truck highway network, public roads deemed unsafe for longer semitrailer vehicles or those roads on which such longer vehicles are determined not to be in the interest of public convenience shall, in conformance with s. 316.006, be restricted by the Department of Transportation or by the local authority to use by semitrailers not exceeding a length of 48 feet, inclusive of the load carried thereon but exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices approved by the department for use on vehicles using public roads. Truck tractor-semitrailer
69 combinations shall be afforded reasonable access to terminals; 
70 facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest; and points of 
71 loading and unloading. 
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73 2. A semitrailer which is more than 48 feet but not more 
74 than 57 53 feet in extreme overall outside dimension, as 
75 measured pursuant to subparagraph 1., may operate on public 
76 roads, except roads on the State Highway System which are 
77 restricted by the Department of Transportation or other roads 
78 restricted by local authorities, if: 
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80 a. The distance between the kingpin or other peg that locks 
81 into the fifth wheel of a truck tractor and the center of the 
82 rear axle or rear group of axles does not exceed 41 feet, or, in 
83 the case of a semitrailer used exclusively or primarily to 
84 transport vehicles in connection with motorsports competition 
85 events, the distance does not exceed 46 feet from the kingpin to 
86 the center of the rear axles; and 
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88 b. It is equipped with a substantial rear-end underride 
89 protection device meeting the requirements of 49 C.F.R. s. 
90 393.86, “Rear End Protection.” 
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93 And the title is amended as follows: 
94 Delete line 981 
95 and insert: 
96 316.515, F.S.; extending the allowable length of 
97 certain semitrailers authorized to operate on public 
98 roads under certain conditions; authorizing the 
99 Department