

SENATOR BARRETT: If you were driving a car for somebody...a corporate car, for example, you were the driver, desired coverage as a nonowner of that car, is this what is specifically intended in this amendment?

SENATOR BEYER: I guess you have thrown me because I am not quite clear on really what you mean on that issue.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. President, I guess I would simply say that I, too, have some confusion with the amendments, specifically Senator Schmit was kind enough to delete number 4. I still have trouble with amendment number one, the first section. At this time I will back off and perhaps discuss my concerns and my confusion with the introducers of the bill or perhaps the committee through which the bill was reported. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The process of this bill, and I would like to say I will try to slow down now and maybe have a little more than my three minutes. The whole idea in the intent of this bill was that what it was designed to do again is to try to eliminate at least a portion of the uninsured drivers who are operating in the State of Nebraska in that their very presence in our system and our roadways is creating an unbelievable financial and in many cases emotional hardship on many of those people who are conscientious to meet the current law that is already established. We have a financial responsibility law on the books requiring everyone to be able to show proof of financial responsibility. The problem we run into is that proof of financial responsibility is not displayed. There is no enforcement mechanism whatsoever for proof of financial responsibility until after someone has had an accident. That is a very poor time, in my mind, and I think in the majority of the people across the State of Nebraska that we have seen in terms of their responsiveness to this type of legislation. It is a very, very poor time to find out whether or not a person has the financial means in order to compensate the injured parties if it was their fault. With this bill, and again, in order to, and as I look at the legislative history, in order to be able to establish a system where we guarantee that everybody has financial responsibility, it is very costly. It is going to be a very heavy cost in terms of the Department of Motor Vehicles