

CLERK: Madam President, 575 was a bill introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Transportation Committee, Madam President.

PRESIDENT™ MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the Legislature, this bill, LB 575, fits into the rules of the road. This is the second half, if you remember the discussion that we had on LB 370 which was the major recodification of the rules of the road. At that time, I promised to you that there would be a second half to the bill, and this, LB 575, is the second half to the rules of the road. We have done several things and I want to take a little bit of time this morning and walk through with you what they are because we are making some I don't believe major changes but there are changes and you need to be comfortable with how we did this and why we did this. To bring you back up to date briefly, the rules of the road started, it's been a two-year project of putting these things together. Last June, all the agencies that had anything to do with the rules of the road were given questionnaires, were visited with and given the chance to put in opportunities for changes in the rules of the road. There were five drafts of the rules of the road done. Two of those drafts have been distributed to anybody that would want a copy, that needed a copy, and they've taken a look. LB 370 was that. However, 370 was the one that did the major renumbering project, that's the long bill, that's the one that put everything in order and took the two sections together. If we came...we came to a point where there needed to be some clean-up things done, there needed to be some changes made and some policy choices changed, so 575, instead of putting all that into one bill, LB 370, we're...each time there was an amendment made that you'd mess up the renumbering system, 575 is the bill that trails behind and will make any substantive changes that we want to make. In addition, we have committee amendments, and what we did was to...bills at the point in time when we had the hearings or when we had the Exec to bring out 575, we had a number of bills that dealt with the rules of the road that were already in committee. So what we did, the committee sat down, we discussed it with the sponsors of the bills that there was a possibility of putting this into the trailer bill and making all the changes at once instead of having a number of small bills come to you, putting