

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I was waiting to speak to the green part of the bill, so I will defer now and try to get back on at the right time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wehrbein. Okay. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't want to speak to the Chambers amendment but I will give my time to Senator Kristensen if he would like to respond.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR BYARS: He doesn't care to respond so I'll relinquish my time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Horgan. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President, members, I would rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment. What we tried to do and what Senator Chambers is doing is trying to strike LB 434 that was put into 575 by the committee. For a number of years, and this bill has been before the body a couple of times, I know, before, and probably a number of times. We have a real problem in the State of Nebraska due to the fact that our registration fees are relatively high compared to the surrounding states and that very fact drives people to try and circumvent the law and to go around the law and to improperly register their vehicles in other states while, indeed, they are residents of the State of Nebraska. That is blatantly unfair to the rest of us who properly register our plates, our cars, and pay...and pay the fees. If it's going to cost me substantially more in Nebraska to register my car, that may, indeed, be a problem that we need to address. But the fact that I can go over to Iowa and register my car much cheaper is a circumvention of the law. The problem that the police have is that these automobiles are...they have to be driving on the streets of Nebraska in order to be stopped and ticketed for being improperly registered. It's much easier to see an automobile and see it on a continual basis parked at the same place, parked in front of an apartment house or parked in front of a residence, parked in front of a location of someone's home and to know...the police officer knows, he goes by day after day after day, he knows that car is improperly registered. Or,