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important to the people and therefore to us. In the Robbins case, decided by the Nebraska Court of Appeals, in 1997, that court felt compelled to overturn a conviction by reason of the way our kidnapping statutes read, which require the element of intent to terrorize. The court found on the facts of that case that that situations or that circumstance did not exist and overturned the conviction. The conviction was subse...and the court implored us to act to fill this vacuum. Subsequently that conviction, in Robbins, was reinstated, the Supreme Court, acting upon the basis of the facts to indicate that the intent to terrorize could be found. But nevertheless our Supreme Court urged us to take action. It's with that background that the Judiciary Committee initiated this work. It is obviously difficult to conceptualize and write the statute in such a way that it covers the circumstances which are the objective and still not be too broad. The committee amendment, which I will speak to in a moment, further narrows this and makes the bill more workable. Appropriate, affirmative or exceptions are provided. We make exceptions, of course, for some parents giving expressed or implied permission. We make exceptions for law enforcement officers. We make exception for emergency care providers. We provide for the affirmative defense of someone who is responding in a genuine, bonafied situation to the health and welfare of the child. We believe that the bill, with the amendment which we will propose, is properly before you, and urge its advancement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. You're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM0094, on page 408 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendment specifically grew out of the deliberations of your Judiciary Committee and provides that this, of course, will not be applicable to the operator of a bookmobile or other such vehicle operated by the state or a political subdivision and used for informing, educating, organizing, or transporting children if that individual is a paid employee of or a volunteer for a nonprofit or religious organization which provides activities for children. We specifically are inserting there the circumstance that might involve, for instance, the YWCA, the...a church group that is organizing a soccer team and the