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time that the commission would then expire. The committee amendment changed that the Nebraska Commission on Motor Vehicle Laws shall terminate on July 1st, 2000, simply to give them a little more time should there be any follow-up questions if there would be legislation the following year.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, thank you. I guess I stand to say that I believe the concept is good but I simply can't support calling this group a commission. I would much prefer that this be a study...converted into a study resolution that could be done over the interim. I would think that this would be the best way to handle this kind of situation. I know that there are concerns that need to be addressed, and I think that those could very easily be handled through a study resolution that you, yourself, might introduce. So I rise in opposition to the amendment that is being discussed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Again, let me go back to a little bit about the background on this bill. As I said, the issue that is...the commission is to take a look at deals with unlicensed, uninsured, unregistered motorists. Again, we have had many letters, I'm sure you've even had constituents come to you. Senator Chambers brought up the issue of how broadly this commission was and what they would be able to do. If you look at the language, they are to review and analyze and make recommendations, and that is the extent of the authority that they would have. The...as I said, having dealt with this problem, having a legislative resolution, which was 428, having people come in and testify, having letters from county attorneys, this is some of the letters that we've received from all over the state, it is...it is a problem. And one of the people that talked about this said we know it's a problem but there is absolutely no way to handle it. And then as I said, the finger of blame circulates. And so the idea behind the commission was to get everybody that would be involved, including Senator Chambers, it said any senators that had any interest in looking at the issue could be appointed to the commission also, to get everybody together so that we don't