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them to get...my staff to get back to me with the report on what they had learned about the bill and its implications, and that I would talk with her first thing this morning to confer with...after conferring with my staff and discussing with her what they had learned. I then frantically searched for a member of my staff who had been researching this; she was off in Crete, Nebraska, she had to make a quick trip home. And anyway, I tracked her down last night. Anyway, to make a long story short, we pulled together the information just this morning and I visited briefly Senator Thompson to see if there wasn't some middle ground or some way of resolving the difficulties that I had with this bill. And Senator Thompson, of course, can speak for herself, but I don't think we were able to find any agreement. And with that, I made the motion to return this bill to committee and to strike the enacting date. About ten days ago or so I received an e-mail from a gentleman who identified himself as a 25-year veteran of the State Patrol, Mr. Leon Cederlind, and I think many of you received this same e-mail. And, of course, we all receive a great quantity of e-mails and it's always difficult to assess whether or not the person is bringing forward valid concerns that we ought to pay attention to. Well, this particular e-mail caught my attention and I'd just like to read a paragraph from this e-mail, just to refresh your memories. I think most of you have already seen this. He says, I recently retired, after more than 25 years as a State Patrol traffic officer. During this time I inspected many school buses as a trooper and a corporal. I also supervised many further inspections as a sergeant and a lieutenant. These buses had all been inspected by mechanics, but the mechanics checked items like engines, transmissions and brakes and I, personally, found many discrepancies after the mechanics made their checks, and these included fire extinguishers with no pressure, nearly empty first-aid kits, padlocked or chained emergency rear doors, inoperative alarms for unlatched rear doors, and so forth. Well, I...as luck would have it, a Mr. Harold LeGrande, who is the former superintendent of the State Patrol, happens to live in my district. And I contacted him and asked him if he knew of this gentleman, Leon Cederlind. And he said, indeed, he did know him, and that he had the highest regard for this gentleman; and that if Leon is raising concerns, it's something that I, as a senator, ought to pay