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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 375 is a bill by Senator Bromm. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 8 of this year, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, to open on LB 375.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is the annual adoption of new amendments to the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. We generally adopt these amendments because, if we don't, we're out of compliance, and that has an impact on our relationship with the federal regulators and also with respect to funding. This amendment...sometimes these amendments are so technical that you can't...it's hard to even know what they're doing, but this one actually I think is understandable. Primarily, the only change is that it expands the regulations, the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, to vehicles of intrastate motor carriers, that is vehicles within the state of Nebraska, transporting more than eight passengers for compensation. If you have a ten-passenger van that was transporting passengers for compensation, the regulations will apply if we adopt LB 375. The other thing it does is it subjects to these regulations vehicles transporting 15 or more passengers not for compensation, and I...I suppose that that could be a shuttle bus where they don't charge but it's capable of holding 20 people. That would be subject to these regulations and that is traffic within the state of Nebraska. So that's what the regulation change does. I will try to respond to questions if I can. We do have people outside the glass that are more intricately familiar with federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations than I am by a long shot, but that's the explanation, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Open for discussion on advancement of LB 375. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bromm, another question if I could, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, please.