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Legislature, Senator Bromm, I had not given him any time to respond. I would offer the following things that as we look, and today we aren't going to be able to do this, hopefully we'll get back to this bill tomorrow, after we do a few other things. But I would offer as a suggestion that the things we need to have put on that strip are really the text and the information that already exists on the operator's license itself. That ought to be priority number one of things that go on the strip. Outside of that information, I don't know what else we really need to begin with to do this. It will take us a couple of years to get the...physically get the digital system in place. I would offer, and I don't have an amendment, maybe we can work on it between now and tomorrow or between now and Select File, that would say something, look, let's only put onto the magnetic strip, that's transferable information electronically, that information that physically exists in print on the license itself, and that we won't put anything else on there unless it's authorized by law. And that doesn't let us run very far but it gets us what we need to do right away and gives us time to think about the policy of the privacy. It gives us time to think about procedure: do you want that done by rule and regulation, do you want it by review, do you set up a review committee? I don't know how all that occurs. But again, I think the committee has put forth a bill that needs to be accomplished, and that is that we need digital operators' licenses. And, if we don't do it, I think we'll waste a lot of time and money and don't have a very good product. But Senator Brashear raises some very good policy questions that aren't easy. There's not a lot of answers. But we know that the problem is there and, before we jump headlong into that problem, I would suggest, Senator Cudaback and other members of the Legislature, that we need to go slow and look at limiting the amount of information we put on there to begin with, and we can always expand. But once we put that on there, it's going to be very hard to take that information back off. And there is nothing that prevents you from taking that card and, if there is strips, encoding other information of your own on there. That's also technology, that technology is available where you could put your own information on there. And maybe we need to say that you can't put other information on the operator's license unless we authorize that as well. All policy choices that we need to look