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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on the Transportation Committee amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The committee amendments follow very much the scenario that Senator Landis has described to you. It does...I'll just hit the highlights in a little bit of detail. The concept here of going to the motor vehicle database, which will be accessible eventually by those who wish to check insurance, such as those who you're registering your car with, and eventually law enforcement as well, will make it possible electronically to do that. The role of the task force, I think, that's set up by the committee amendments, called the Motor Vehicle Insurance Data Base Task Force, is not insignificant. This task force is created in the committee amendment and is instructed to investigate the best practices in the industry and recommend the specifications for the information to be transmitted by the companies to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and they are to recommend the specifications and the form and manner of the transmission of this data and then submit a written report of their findings and recommendations to the Clerk of the Legislature by September 30th of '03. That task force, if you look in the committee amendment, is the DMV Director or their designee, the Department of Insurance Director, and a representative of the automobile insurance companies, the foreign automobile insurance companies, the...a representative of the insurance producers, and four members selected by the Director of DMV. The task force goes until July 1 of '04 and it is intended that each company will provide information as required by the department on forms acceptable to the department. I think this represents a very big step forward in the age-old desire that I know that we've had to try to streamline finding out or assuring or proving that we do or do not have insurance on vehicles. I think the database will be extremely helpful and so I compliment insurance industry and Senator Landis and DMV and all of those who have worked to try to make something here that's workable but: isn't going to be a budget buster as far as cost. We're taking it somewhat a step at a time. There will be a 25-cent fee involved with this. There is a sunset on the fee as an...if an amendment is adopted that is proposed on down the line here. So with that, I would ask for adoption of committee amendments,