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unnecessary statutory authority. It's been done now for, from what I understand, for the last two or three years. And while I'll support Senator Baker's amendment to address the legal alien status with no Social Security numbers, I will continue to have concerns with LB 559 with regard to the validation process and putting it into statute. And again, reiterating that there is no federal mandate or federal authority that requires this be done, as was my working...throughout General File, was my working assumption that there was such a federal requirement or mandate, and there is not. And I think members need to know that, that essentially what we are doing here is putting a Nebraska department rule and reg in to state statute. And again, I seriously question the necessity to do that. Senator Cudaback, I'll withdraw the amendment now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Kruse, but I have a note he wants to withdraw that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Thank you. Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Baker would move to amend with FA1462. (Legislative Journal page 613.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, you're recognized to open on FA1462 to LB 559.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. We've already talked briefly about what's in here in FA1462. And I think I'm more inclined to respond to Senator Synowiecki's concerns about validating Social Security numbers. If we don't validate them, they really have no use. You can give the driver's license examiner a Social Security number knowing full well it's erroneous, not the correct number. And knowing that they're not going to validate it, it's worthless as far as preventing identity theft and so on. So we...they've been doing this. It is permissive. But I think they'd be remiss in their duties if they weren't validating them. What good would it be