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Senator Flood.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Langemeier.

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Senator Baker, Mr. President, members of the body. This bill contains a chunk that I put in there that was amended in. I, too, support the bill. Section 14 of AM1986 is a portion that allows a military exemption. Currently, we ask military personnel who are licensed through the military to drive with a CDL license, Nebraska, we currently require that they have a Nebraska CDL. This particular portion would exempt that requirement for a Nebraska CDL license when acting in their military profession, as they've been activated on a little more regular basis. And that section, ...I would return the rest of my time to Senator Flood, if he'd like to talk about his section, or back to Senator Baker if he'd like to. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, about a minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you very much, Mr. President, members. And thank you, Senator Langemeier and Senator Baker. The provision of the bill that I introduced, or I guess the section of the amendment, represents a bill that I introduced, which was originally LB 974...I'm sorry, LB 947. It essentially allows the Department of Motor Vehicles the opportunity to suspend a carrier, or a truck driver, essentially, that has written a check that has essentially bounced for their fees paid for the year. And I'm sure Senator Chambers, as I understand, has a number of questions on this, so I'll look forward to those. And right now, under our current plan, or under the current regulatory scheme, if the department receives a bounced check, then they have to notify the individual that wrote that check out, they get seven days to respond, and then it goes through an administrative procedure where they have 30 days to appeal, and it will ultimately go to district court. And county attorneys have been reluctant to enforce the issuing of bad check criminal prosecution against folks that write bad checks to the Department of Motor Vehicles. And I'm sure we'll be discussing that in Chapter 28 throughout the duration of the debate. So, thank you, Mr. President.