

number of individuals familiar with the case that indeed there is a solid case that could find the present motor vehicle inspection law unconstitutional because of a special exemption in it provided for cars owned by car dealers in this state that would allow them not to have those cars inspected as every other car in the state would have to be. This has recently come to light in the last few months and LB 946 was introduced at my request by the Public Works Committee. We worked through the process of hearings and discussions concerning that bill and came to some conclusions beyond the problem with the inspection law and found problems dealing with dealer plates that needed correction as well and in addition to the motor vehicle inspection problems that were identified. So we came up with LB 946 and committee amendments to that were adopted by the committee and the bill was advanced to the floor as amended. There are problems with the schedule now that we will not get to LB 946 to fully discuss that measure and so because of the pressing nature of the problem that we identified with the inspection law coming out of Omaha, there is a feeling that we need to deal with that problem this session and with this bill, LB 820. So it is with that concern in mind that Senator Stoney and I have sat down and worked together to develop this amendment which is cosponsored by Senator Stoney and myself. It is also submitted with the support of the New Car Dealers Association with the Executive Director John Sullivan. John has worked very hard with us in developing this measure and although they don't particularly like the provisions in some respects, they understand the thrust is sincere and that the goals are honorable and they have supported this effort. We have also worked with the Department of Motor Vehicles which also supports the measure. Before you is a copy of the amendments and I will go through those. If you have a copy you might want to take a look at it and I will explain very quickly what the amendments do so that you understand the implications of this amendment and it should be very brief and then we can move ahead and support the amendments. First off, on page one, you will see stricken from the law the provision that allows the immediate family of a dealer or an employee the option of using dealer plates for personal use. We still allow a dealer or the employees of a car dealership the option of using dealer plates for personal use. The problem we've had is that some family members, say a son or a daughter who leaves from a greater Nebraska town dealership, comes to Lincoln to school, keeps his dealer plates and doesn't have to pay some of the taxes that other people have to pay on cars as a result of being able to use dealer plates and so the feeling is we need to close that loophole. Another provision in that section deals with bonafide