

take away those drivers' licenses that have been suspended by virtue of the operational financial responsibility section of the motor vehicle law. But to a large extent, to a large extent, the local law enforcement officials have ignored that responsibility. So I went to our Attorney General a year ago and I said, "Mr. Douglas," I said, "how can these folk ignore their responsibility?" And the Attorney General wrote me back a letter and he said, "Well, Senator Johnson," he said, "they really ought not to but I think what you need to do is you need to make it quite clear that you mean business when you say that the local law enforcement officials are to go pick up those drivers licenses that have been suspended." He said, "I suggest what you do is you say simply if they don't do it, they can lose their jobs. They can be removed from office for not abiding that statute." So last year you and I inserted in the financial responsibility section of the motor vehicle law the provision that failure of the officer to comply with this subsection shall subject him to removal from office pursuant to the statute. Well, this has caused some law enforcement officials to get real nervous because they are not sure they really want to do their job anyhow, and in any event, they are asking for that particular provision to be removed by this bill. It would be wrong for us to do that. My amendment very simply says leave that section alone. Don't make that change. We can make every other change that Senator Fenger wants to make. We can take care of the whitewash provision, the posting of the jail rules, right on down the line but leave that section alone because that is not an obsolete section. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to be recognized on this bill?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would just like to rise in support of Senator Johnson's amendment, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. We dealt with this issue at length last session. Senator Remmers, by virtue of the introduction of his bill dealing with automobile accident situations involving uninsured motorists that has now been held over, as I understand it, for a study by the Banking Committee, addresses the same issue. But we really do have a very serious problem in the State of Nebraska with people driving on our roads without insurance. One of my constituents had an exceedingly serious accident about five months ago, was unable to recover any insurance funds from the other side who basically had no assets himself by which to compensate this individual. This man was laid up and off work for three or four months. This is a very difficult and hot issue in the state right now and I think we need to exert as much pressure on sheriffs as we