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another state, you are stopped for a speeding violation, the highway patrolman accompanies you to the county seat where you file a bond, or you make your court appearance, and then the county...the highway patrolman either hears the case or sometimes has to do some paper work additionally at a later date. What this allows for is an individual to be given a ticket, a citation at that location, and then they may go on their way and they may go home to their home state and then they may file that same kind of waiver that we do now for tickets and pay their fines while living in their home state, having returned home from their trip. And if they fail to pay the assessed fine, then that state, if it is a member of this compact, will go out and pick up the license of the person for failing to respond to the Nebraska citation. We also then promise for Nebraska drivers who are picked up in other compact states who refuse to honor those tickets that we will pick up their licenses here in this state. The highway patrol supports this. It is one of the Governor's Task Force recommendations. So far attempts have been made to identify the cost savings. It will keep troopers on the highway in the business of law enforcement rather than taxing out of state drivers to a county seat for processing and I believe the figure that has been arrived at as far as savings is roughly \$120,000. Now that means that manpower will be able to be utilized in other ways, more profitable ways than simply taxing people back and forth and filling out paper work. Also there will be some driving that will not have to be done and that can be used in law enforcement rather than this taxing back and forth that is being done now. Hopefully, it will decrease the number of failure to appears, it will increase court revenue since nonresidents will not ignore our state's tickets and citations, and lastly, highway enforcers...highway law enforcement enforcers, rather, will be able to devote more time to highway patrol safety, apprehension and surveillance rather than dealing with non-resident violators and taking them into the county seats. Most of our surrounding states are members so that we have a high potential of utilizing this act...Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri, those are all members of the compact and we can expect to utilize this in conjunction with drivers from those states. I would move its adoption and I would hope it will be sent on to Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill to E & R for Review. All those in favor...we're talking about LB 344, all those in favor of advancing that bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.