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SENATOR ABOUD: Well...Senator, thank you. I do have some concerns here. I don't know whether...that particular area does bother me about the law if a private citizen can use that much the same as if there was a green flashing light or a yellow. I know a number of utility companies use the yellow lights. People that use snow removal use the yellow lights and I think that we should have a restriction. If we're going to go to these blue lights, there should be further restriction from a citizen being able to use the lights. I recall a couple of years ago we had a bill in allowing individuals that had a tow truck to use the red flashing lights, giving it a greater...great deal of authority, and I think that's the problem. When you're driving on the interstate highway, you see a yellow flashing light it means something different to a citizen, much the same as a red flashing light has a different impact on the citizen as well. And if we're going to move up the importance and significance of blue flashing lights, I think that the law should restrict an individual's use to only emergency personnel or law enforcement personnel and I would like to see that added into the language of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please. No? Yes?

SENATOR SMITH: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: Well, thank you, that won't be necessary, but I appreciate it anyway. Senator Robak, would you like to close on your motion to advance the bill?

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes. Senator Abboud, if you want to read page 2 on the bill, it will explain your concerns. It can only be used by police, fire or rescue vehicles or volunteer fire fighters or law enforcement agencies by written permission of the county sheriff. And studies have been done by the Department of California Highway Patrol about the blue lights being able to be seen better at night and I ask for your support of LB 416.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 416.