

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The Chair of the Transportation Committee, Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, LB 980 is a priority bill of the Transportation Committee. If you will remember, last year we had LB 285 which puts Nebraska in compliance with federal regulations in regard to commercial driver's licenses. LB 980 is somewhat of a cleanup bill to LB 285. The committee amendments, the main part of the committee amendments is that it incorporates LB 979 into LB 980 and LB 979 has to do with the financial responsibility. This requires that the Public Service Commission would require private motor carriers who operate commercially licensed motor vehicles registered for gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds to meet the commission's financial responsibility filing requirements. The committee amendment also modifies the interstate physical requirements to conform to the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations. And it also strikes the restriction that an applicant for a commercial driver's license who certifies that they are not subject to Part 391 of the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations shall be issued a commercial driver's license which is restricted to intrastate operation only of commercial vehicles. In other words, we tried to water it down as much as possible for the intrastate or those who operate within the State of Nebraska. I would ask that the committee amendment be adopted, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. There are no other lights on. Would you waive closing on the committee amendments? Senator Lamb waives closing. The issue before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 980. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amendments are adopted. LB 980, Senator Lamb, are you handling the bill?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes. As I mentioned before, LB 980 is a Transportation Committee priority bill, and one of the things it does is delete the provision in the current statute which we have that requires that for an ordinary driver's license you pay