

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. My amendment has been passed out to you, number AM2431, having to do with LB 742. I am for this legislation, I want to make that clear to start with, that I'm not trying to stop the legislation. The only thing that I have added to it in this amendment, two things. The person who renews...this on page 1, has to demonstrate his or her ability to drive and maneuver a motor vehicle safely as provided in subdivision (2) of Section 60.4,114. On page 2 we have added, only at the discretion of the examiner, "except that a person required to use bioptic or telescopic lenses shall be required to demonstrate his or her ability to drive and maneuver a motor vehicle safely each time he or she renews his or her license." And the second addition to the bill in this amendment is on page 3, section 2, we insert on page 2, line 23, after the period, "any such person shall be required to appear annually before an examiner to demonstrate his or her ability to drive and maneuver a motor vehicle as a condition of renewal of his or her operator's license." In this particular group of people they have a unique...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator Crosby. (Gavel.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. In this particular group of people you have a unique eye problem, sight problem and it seems only fair that they should be required to, every year, to demonstrate that they are still seeing as they were the year before. I...one optometrist in particular is particularly interested in testing and being shown how to drive and when they use the bioptic lens, so I think these two things, having to appear annually and having to demonstrate his or her ability to drive will correct any problems and I think it's a help to those drivers too to have that confidence each year, that they are still able to function and that their eyesight hasn't changed. I know most of them probably have annual eye checks and that kind of thing, but I do think for the safety of everyone on the road that this amendment would be very helpful to this bill and I urge you to vote for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Crosby amendment, Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I would like to thank Senator Crosby for working with me on this amendment