

eyes will go wide open because he knows what 1983 means, that means if you win, you get attorney's fees. And so over a \$21 retaliatory tax or retaliatory payment that the State of Nebraska did with the Department of Motor Vehicles, we get hammered with a tremendous amount of attorneys' fees to take this to the United States Supreme Court. And what's even worse is those fees can be tripled if the court decides to do so, as a punishment to this state for our retaliatory legislation and for our violation of interstate commerce. These two sections are the last two sections that we know of in the State of Nebraska that have retaliatory legislation. And so, if we, as a state, want to avoid six or seven hundred thousand dollars worth of attorneys' fees over a \$5.00 permit, this legislation becomes necessary. This is the reason the Transportation Committee brought this bill to the Legislature. With that, I would be happy to answer any questions. This could save us a lot of money. It also will keep us out of court and I think, quite frankly, will give it an easier system for the motor carriers in this state to do...as you know, we rely on the truck industry a tremendous amount to bring us all sorts of products into this state and it's the lifeline particularly for those of us who are not in the major metropolitan areas and rely on those trucks to bring us our groceries, our foods, our supplies on a daily basis. I would be happy to answer any questions. That would constitute my opening, Madam President. I would urge the approval of LB 337. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Are there any senators who wish to speak to this bill? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 337. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 337.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 337 is advanced. I'd like to direct the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator George Coordsen are Jean and Hazel Nagey of Hebron and a special guest of Senator Hillman is her husband, Ken Hillman. Would you rise and be recognized and welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. We will proceed with LB 456.

CLERK: Madam President, 456 was a bill introduced by the Health