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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Dierks, followed by Senators Nelson and Robinson. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Hall had a question concerning the Section 4 and the involvement of bus driver, for instance, and motor vehicle difficulties. I think that you can still use what they call reasonable and rational hiring practices with the advent of this legislation, Senator Hall, so that you can look at this and if you decide, you know, well, this particular infraction is not something that bothers for the job we're hiring them for, they could still be hired even though, I mean, parking tickets are not part of the problem, you know. They may be on the record but they're not going to be something that will keep somebody from getting a job. So maybe it's less onerous than you perceive it to be and I guess that I'd like to present it in that light. I still think that we have a bill that provides protection for our children and I would like to see this based mainly on the fact that if we can protect even one child, we have done ourselves a favor and the parents of that child a favor and the cost is not that bad. The cost will be taken care of by...the cost for noncertified personnel will be taken care of by the school district but the cost for the certified personnel will be taken care of by his or her certificate filing fee. So cost to the...we have a new A bill, as a matter of fact, that was just delivered I think today and it does bring the amount of the A bill down quite a little bit and...someplace I have it here, but the A bill that will be going along with this bill will be reduced considerably from the bill as it was originally introduced last spring. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I did have the opportunity to hear this bill in Education Committee and I am a little surprised, in a way, of the opposition and yet, on the other hand, I am not. I know that the teaching profession, most of them try to do the very best they can and I feel, as some of the other senators, I'm sure they feel offended. And you can list the list of supporters for the bill. Particularly, the Omaha School District visited with me about this maybe twice. They have the problem in bus drivers that they must hire, not knowing necessarily where they come from or where, and I'm not necessarily picking out the bus drivers, whatever. We also know