

out. Senator Landis, if you remember the last couple of years, because of a Supreme Court case there was some discussion about the household exclusion and that talks about the ability of household members to sue under their own policy to collect for their own injuries and damages. And you will see the first part of the committee amendment just, I think, reinstates what the current law is and does take that out of the green copy of Senator Coordsen's bill. The second part of the committee amendment, which I think is probably the one we will spend most of our time discussing, and I know that Senator Coordsen feels strongly about, is the requirement that when you register your vehicle that you provide a physical proof of insurance at the time you register the vehicle. If you don't physically do that, you obviously don't get to register your vehicle. Senator Coordsen's bill does strengthen penalties significantly for violations of having a proof of insurance law. I think...and I don't want to steal his thunder but his discussion with the committee was one of really it's an inconvenience, it's a difficulty and, quite frankly, someone could walk up, give proof of insurance to the county treasurer one day, go and cancel that insurance that afternoon or only buy it for a couple of days and effectively get around that law and it isn't doing us any good. The committee had considerable discussion about that policy. What they decided to do was suggest that that not be removed from the current law, that at least at one point in time, during the year, you do have to physically think about and produce some insurance, and so what you do is collect people who have neglected or have not renewed their insurance but they at least have to provide that proof of insurance at some point in time during the year. The second part of the committee amendment does talk about we make a change from the word "swear" to "certify". I don't know that that has a tremendous legal impact but it does, I think, more accurately reflect what individuals do. They certify that they will have proof of insurance or they'll certify that they do have insurance on their vehicle during the year. And the other thing the committee wanted to make sure was that while a vehicle was placed in transit that they were operating with insurance on that vehicle at the time and we basically extend the proof of insurance requirements to a vehicle operating under in transits. With that, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments. I know, Senator Coordsen, I assume or I hope your light is on, but the major change, if you were looking at these committee amendments and what it does to the proof of insurance law, the committee amendment would reinstate what the current law is that you have