

to provide that physical proof of insurance at the time you register your vehicle, showing that you have, effective that date, the legally required liability insurance for the vehicle. Senator Coordsen, I think, probably will have some discussion about why that's not necessary. I think that he also will probably visit with you about the strengthened penalties for that. We do not change those in the committee amendments. The committee felt comfortable with making that change. And I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, I understand you have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would move to amend the committee amendments. The amendment is on page 1025 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, what this amendment does is strike, in the committee amendments, the reinstatement of the proof of insurance. And I think to understand where we are, it is necessary to understand, to some extent, the provisions of LB 37. LB 37 is an effective bill with or without the proof of insurance. This is, in fact, separable and it's a policy decision that I'm going to ask the body of the Legislature to make. LB 37 changes our proof of insurance laws in several respects. One, it...I guess I ought to indicate what the genesis of this bill is. This was brought to me originally about probably seven years ago by a county judge who had looked at...who had looked at the language on a driving without insurance charge that was brought into his...into his court. And he ruled on that that our insurance, mandatory insurance statutes were, in fact, not enforceable at any time other than at the time a person registered a vehicle, simply because the law did not say that it was unlawful to drive on the roads of the State of Nebraska without insurance but it was unlawful to register a vehicle without a current and effective proof of insurance. I would quote just a little bit from his testimony. There was a motion filed in my court challenging the constitutionality of Section 65-70. That's the statute that calls for proof of financial responsibility and attempts to make it against the law to operate a motor vehicle in the State of Nebraska without insurance. The argument raised two points that he sustained and it says...and he references the