

before we call on Senator Kristensen to initiate that, let me acknowledge that cookies which are going around today to the various senators desks are provided by Senator Gerald Matzke, who is celebrating an unknown birthday. At this point let us celebrate Senator Matzke's birthday and thank you. General File, LB 461, Senator Kristensen to open on our first consent calendar bill of the day. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 461 is an annual bill brought to you by the Transportation Committee, it does several things. The first is it's general purpose and import of the bill and the green copy of it is this state's adoption of the federal motor carrier safety regulations and hazardous material regulations. As opposed to this state having their own independent group and own independent people who come up with standards and guidelines each year, we do adopt the federal rules and regulations and have done so for many years. The key is, on these, as you'll find on some banking bills, some others, that we can't just say whatever the federal changed are we adopt those. Each year we have to come in and adopt them as of a certain date, and this year we are adopting those rules and regulations in existence and effective on the first of January 1995. That's the major part of the bill. I do believe there should be an amendment on the desk. I would ask to have AM0770 pulled, and I believe that AM1008, found on page 1147 of the Journal, is appropriate at this point in time, Senator Landis, so I would constitute that as my opening of the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The Chair, in its haste to move directly to consent calendar and to begin the wheels of justice moving, neglected to allow the Clerk to read the title of the bill. Mr. Clerk, let's read the title of 461, then we'll move to the amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 461 is introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 17th, referred to the Transportation Committee.

SENATOR LANDIS: With that title, we'll move now to the amendment which is on the desk. And, Senator Kristensen, you'll be recognized to explain the amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen's amendment is found in the Journal on page 1147.