

Legislature. In dealing with LB 424 the amendment that I have does a couple of different things that I want to run through. One is to make some technical changes that we had upon review of the bill regarding the word "intrastate", to make sure that we got that correctly done. The other was a bill that we had a couple weeks ago, dealt with the not for hire motor carrier transportation property, and the motor carriers that weren't subject to the Motor Carrier Safety Regulation Act, and what we're going to do is take those sections out right now and we're going to review them over the summer and we're going to make some examination changes in that area. I think that there are a number of people that had some interest in doing that, and so through this amendment, this is a very small number of people that are going to be affected by doing this. However, it is something we want to make sure we get harmonized to do. The other small change that we make in here is that we exempt the nonprofit electrical coops from the fine with the public service. This is going to mirror the same exception that we have for all the other electrical coops subject to the federal motor carriers safety regs. The problem is we've got about three small coops out there that are different than anything else but we want to treat them like we do all other electrical coops, and so again it's a real small area and this doesn't really change anything other than make sure they're treated the same as all the other electrical coops. And we've had those discussions with the various entities and they're comfortable with doing that. And I don't think that makes a major change. The final thing that the amendment does is deals with the civil fine authority in the public service commission. The amendment in this particular bill opens up and deals with the fine authority. What we're doing is in two limited statutory areas we are allowing a small fine authority of not to exceed \$100 for people who operate without a certificate of public convenience, and when they fail to file their annual report. It goes no further than that, it's a very limited, small area. This is an area that we've talked about extensively in the committee. The committee was uncomfortable with broad...expanding those fines to large amounts. They were uncomfortable with doing them to broad discretionary sorts of enforcement things, this is one though. However there are two statutory requirements and when people don't follow the statutes this is the only mechanism really to have any enforcement. So I believe that this takes care of the civil fine authority. This is again, as I said, we have contacted the public service commission and we've talked with the various industries involved and I've taken something