

March 30, 1995

LB 254, 326A, 541

Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 326A.

SENATOR HALL: LB 326A is advanced. The next bill on the agenda, LB 541, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 541, a bill introduced by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kristensen, on the Transportation Committee amendments.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, this historical vehicle registration bill deals with the registration of historic vehicles. When they utilize antique original license plates that they're issued in the year that the vehicle was manufactured, it's a process that's been used in the State of Nebraska. As introduced, the bill provided the option to be utilized by an individual if there was only one plate available. For example, it would be very, very difficult to find both antique plates. Often, you can only find one of them. What the committee does is if you only have one plate, it must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle, and even if there were two plates from that year, you can still use it, display it on the back. The other is that...provides that the restored original issue plate can be used if approved by DMV, which means if they go and find the old rusty plate, go and restore it, providing they get permission from the Department of Motor Vehicles so that you aren't creating new plates, that that would add to the historical value. Realize that historical plates and historical vehicles have an extremely limited use. You have a very limited use as to where you can use them and how you can use them. And the other part of the committee amendment is LB 254 which was Senator Day's bill that dealt with the ability of a nonprofit organization to register an otherwise qualified historical vehicle, but because the way the law is you had to have another vehicle that you owned. Many of these nonprofit organizations...it could have been the volunteer fire department, it could be somebody else who has a historical vehicle, but they don't have a personal vehicle that they own,