

existed, the requirements would be much simpler. We would take the county treasurers, the motor vehicle licensing bureaus out of law enforcement, where they should not be in, in enforcing our statutes. It would require that by paying the fee, by paying the fee the person who owns, the person or persons who owns the vehicle guarantee, under penalty of law, that they will maintain insurance or financial responsibility for as long as that vehicle is operated on the roads of the State of Nebraska. And I might stop just a second and indicate to you that the bill, in its current form, says that for the...insurance would be maintained for the entire period of registration. On retrospect I have decided that that's not good language. There's a subsequent amendment that will be coming up later on this bill that will change that language to while the motor vehicle is operated on the roads of Nebraska, because I found there are a number of people who register their vehicle, perhaps they go on vacation, perhaps they go out of state for job purposes, perhaps the vehicle is out of commission for a period of time and they don't want to pay the insurance premiums while the vehicle is not being used, but they wish to maintain the current license plates and registration. So with your help we'll be changing that language a little bit later. I think that the current law is...has not proven to be the guarantee that we thought it was. For example, you could have a policy lapse prior to your registration date. The insurance company would send you, in the billing process, a current proof of insurance. You could not pay the policy, it actually could have lapsed prior to the date of registration. But if you are of devious mind you would have a current proof of insurance to use for registration purposes. We have taken, I think, most of the ability for chicanery out of our automobile liability insurance laws. I feel that the necessity for proof of insurance at the time of registration is more or less redundant to the issue at this time, and so I would ask your consideration to strike from the bill that provisions that require a current proof of insurance at the time of registration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. For discussion of the Coordsen amendment? Senator Kristensen, followed by Senators Maurstad and Abboud.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. And, Senator Coordsen and I have had several discussions over the last couple of years really, Senator Coordsen, about how do you approach and how do we guarantee and