

It still is additional paperwork at the agency level. I think it's just something that was a good step a number of years ago, and if LB 37 is adopted is not needed in the future, and would urge my colleagues to support the Coordsen amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Abboud, followed by Senators Kristensen, Matzke, Warner and Vrtiska.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise in opposition to the amendment. I'm somewhat puzzled by the purpose of it. I was listening to what Senator Kristensen had to say about the committee's decision, and it sounds like they went through a great deal of deliberation in making a decision not to include this as a part of the bill when they sent it out to be considered by the entire Legislature. And I'm going to agree with the committee's decision. Also, I tend to side with trying to reduce burdens on our constituents. But I don't feel that what we're asking these individuals to do, ourselves to do, by taking the proof of registration out of our glove compartment and when they walk into the courthouse and show that proof of registration is all that great of a burden. The proof of registration should be kept in the car to show that you do have a registration...insurance registration of the car, so when you're asking for reducing burdens on our citizens of our state, I don't think this would be the first place I would look, because we already have a requirement that they have proof of insurance. And for a lot of people who never get pulled over for speeding or any other type of traffic infraction, this may be the only proof that they have proper registration of their...proper insurance for their automobile. I feel that when we originally had the bill up and it was debated in the Legislature, I was one of the people that went back and forth on whether or not we should require this type of...put this type of requirement to our citizens. But I feel that through the years it's worked. And there has been a great deal of compliance. And I feel that the linchpin of this entire registration program is the provisions that are sought to be struck by Senator Coordsen. And I feel that if you adopt his amendment then you just ought to do away with the whole requirement that there be any type of proof of insurance. So I'm a believer in the program. I'm a believer that it has worked, it's not as extreme as some states have gone. It was an agreement that was made years ago, a compromise approach, and I felt through the years it has worked. Constituents have not contacted me about this.