

They don't feel this is that great of a burden, and I would urge that the body reject the amendment. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Kristensen.

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I want to just continue briefly on with a couple of other points and maybe they are philosophic points, but I think they're probably practical points. So you're clear on what our choice here is, Senator Coordsen, if you vote for his amendment you'll be eliminating the requirement to present the proof of insurance at the time you register your vehicle. The purpose of the proof of insurance law is to try and have the motoring public have insurance. And so how do we do that? How do we try to guarantee that the motoring public will have insurance? It's like passing a law that says, thou shalt be a good parent, that's a great law, but how do you ens...you know, how do you guarantee that, or how do you enforce that? It becomes very difficult, so you do the best that you can. But if for nothing else what the requirement to show at the time of registration does say, that once a year everyone must show that they have insurance, at least at some point in time on their vehicle. If we just leave it that you're only going to have to have proof of insurance when you have an accident, which is too late, or when you're stopped by a law enforcement official, the chances of being a, and I don't see Senator Chambers here, otherwise he'd be the target of my discussion, your chances of being stopped are fairly slim with the motoring public. And so if you have a small chance of being stopped percentagewise, we really...that's not a good mechanism for insuring or guaranteeing that you have insurance. The best way, although it may be for a few inconvenient, is to that once a year get into the routine, and remember we've got the requirement that you need to bring your registration with you. Now we're changing that a little this year, but it's one of those mechanical things that you do to get your car registered, is to show you have proof of insurance. I think the other issue that I look at is it's a pro-active measure and that the state requires you to do something. And we're never going to have 100 percent compliance with the operating public to have insurance. As much as all of us would like that to occur, it just isn't going to happen. But this is a pro-active requiring them to do something. And I think that if you do away with that requirement and you adopt the Coordsen amendment what does that really say to the public? It says, no, don't worry about it, you don't have to have your