

you that this issue is not particularly germane to the bill, nor is it an issue that has had a public hearing and went through the committee process. Ran into an interesting situation, again, I'm stealing words from Senator Preister I think at this point in time, after the bill filing deadline. All of a sudden I started getting lots of very concerned contact from citizens in my district who had not had a citation, they had not had an accident and all at once they were getting certified letters in the mail ordering them to retest for the privilege of having an operator's license in the State of Nebraska. And this, you know, it kind of elevates your concern just a little bit and I found that because of some way a couple of issues were put together several years ago, that we ended up with a section of statute that provided that the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles upon the request of a law enforcement officer could or would, shall order a retest of that particular individual. And what had happened was that we had an enthusiastic member of local law enforcement who was going around on their days off, writing down, apparently writing down license number of primarily senior citizens who they saw doing some sort of a traffic maneuver that they did not believe to be correct driving practices. Their boss didn't know anything about it because the way the statute reads is simply a law enforcement officer. Rather lengthy, lengthy explanation for what is, in fact, a simple amendment. It doesn't change the current practice at all, but it says that any such request by a law enforcement officer shall be accompanied by written justification for such request and shall be approved by a supervisory law enforcement officer, police chief or county sheriff. Now I believe there would be a good reason, especially through the aging process and perhaps some disability or whatever, that an individual if there is a question as to whether they are physically or mentally able to drive ought to be able to call in for a retest during the four-year period that the driver's license otherwise would be valid for. But having said that, I do think that it is important that we have a well defined process and that the supervisors of the various law enforcement entities around the State of Nebraska have a voice in that process before an automatic order for a retest is sent out from the Department of Motor Vehicles. So that's what this amendment does. It simply adds this language, "any such request by a law enforcement officer shall be accompanied by written justification for such request and shall be approved by a supervisory law enforcement officer, police chief, or county sheriff," and what that means then that the Director of the