

morning. I did introduce seven bills this session. This is the only one that the committees have seen fit to advance out of committee, so I guess, from my perspective, it would be nice for me to be able to pass one bill this session. It's a fairly uncomplicated bill. It would allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to decide whether the Not For Hire should be displayed and so...and chat, of course, is a part of farm plates at this time. So I would ask for your consideration on LB 696 and would try and answer any questions that you may have at this time.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk, I understand there are amendments on the desk.

**CLERK:** There are, Mr. President. Senator Kristensen has the first amendment, AM1628. (The Kristensen amendment appears on page 1646 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Kristensen.

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, obviously, Senator Schrock, after that opening, it appears that the Transportation Committee has made a major mistake. (Laughter.) You know, we didn't realize we were supposed to watch the other committees and if we allowed this one out and we kind of spoiled your shutout, I'm sorry that we did that. Maybe we can rectify that this morning. I do have an amendment that I plan to pull up but I'm going to briefly discuss the policy of message plates in the State of Nebraska and speciality plates and that's the reason I filed this amendment. It's been printed. The Transportation Committee, for a number of years, has had a variety of people coming in wanting specialty plates, all types of plates. The committee has come in after a study and a policy determining if we're going to have specialty plates. The best way to do that was through a system of allowing a uniform plate that would look the same for everyone, that they would have to have 500 applicants and a decal system that you would put a decal for the various groups and committees and their...and one is that certainly cut down the cost, two, that certainly provided us with some uniformity plus we would control the use of those things and make them a little more uniform for everyone. It also allowed for different people to have different types of plates without a major upheaval in our doing of plates. So, with that, Senator Schrock's is the message plate issue, ours is the specialty plate issue. After talking with Senator Schrock, I'm going to