

making these broader changes, and as I recall from the discussion of previous decades the identification of not for hire and farm was the quid pro quo in exchange for a lower licensing amount for these types of trucks, in exchange for that in order to make it easier for the public and for, more importantly, law enforcement to identify that these vehicles were being used in accordance with the conditions set forth on the top of page 4, that that language would be on there for easy identification of the trucks. And we've had no discussion and I see no reason to depart from what apparently has worked well in the past and if we want to exempt them for personalized plates, I'm not sure we should even do that but let's...let's do that and not change the law beyond that. And that's all my amendment does.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Did you...excuse me a second. Okay. Well, I thought perhaps the committee chairman might want to speak to this before I did. But one of the reasons for this happening, and we did discuss it in committee and I'm sure that Senator Kristensen will...will get to that, is that, of course, the basic premise here is that several years ago the Legislature allowed commercial trucks under certain tonnage to have message plates. And, as we all know, this is the license plate that...the commercial plate is the license plate that people use for personal use, truck type vehicles too, in that the low tonnage commercial trucks have about the same registration cost as do a passenger car, and we did, in fact, do that. The problem that comes about is that when you go to a personalized plate, if you can envision in your mind how these...the designation farm and the words not for hire...I don't know how familiar you are with farm truck license plates but these plates have, of course, across the top they have Nebraska and then they have the county designation and then they have written vertically the word farm in the same manner that a commercial plate in that place would have the words comm or commercial, and then the registered license number of the particular vehicle. In addition to that, on the bottom of a farm licensed truck it has the words, not for hire, which is another issue that we've went around about, as Senator Beutler alluded to, years in the past. But it becomes a practical problem for the printing of license plates, commercial license plates for farm vehicles is that there simply isn't enough room for all of the designations. Now it is my understanding, and I certainly would stand