

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you very much. Good morning. This amendment that I propose this morning would go to page 11 of the bill, the rewritten bill, the white copy of the bill. On line 15 it deals with Section 21, I don't know what it is with Section 21 and the bills this year, that must be where all the good stuff starts, right about the middle of the bill. The language for this section says, if a motor vehicle operators license or professional or occupational license is found to have been revoked or suspended erroneously, the license holder shall have his or her license reinstated or renewed without the payment of any reinstatement or renewal fees. But, if a fee was paid because of the error, such fees shall be returned to the license holder by the relevant licensing authority. What my amendment would do is after the period on line 15, it would add, "The license holders shall have a cause of action against the department if the license is found to have been revoked or suspended erroneously." I have had a lot of calls on this bill since its inception. But most of the calls have dealt with this one subject of if there is a paperwork problem, within the individuals who are handling this in the state, in a bureaucracy, and I know it is a real stretch of the imagination that there should be a paperwork problem in a bureaucracy, but if there is something that happens that they are current with their child support payments and it is stated publicly that they are not, and there is some revocation of their license and they have some damage to either their real estate business, if they are a doctor or lawyer or any of the other licenses that would be pulled, all this would do, all this language in the bill would do is say, after you have damaged somebody's reputation, and a lot of times reputation is your business, and a lot of these service industries they depend heavily on their reputation, that they are honest, that they are timely, that they are organized. And this really says, that if something like this would occur, you know, here is a person, and I know you hear these stories about these people who are reviled and rightly so, who are \$60,000 in arrears and you have to chase them across the country. But mostly what I think we will be talking about is the people here in Nebraska that maybe, erroneous, in this case it says that it would be an erroneous problem, that there would be an error made, that they would not be in arrears of their child support payments but that they were found to be in arrears of their child support payments and their license pulled. So these are individuals who depended on their reputation for their business, they have gone ahead and have had