

February 28, 1996 LB 323, 938

CLERK: LB 938, Senator, E & R amendments first of all.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I'd move to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 938.

SENATOR COORDSEN: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to 938. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed no. The E & R amendments are adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen would move to amend. (See AM3102 on page 767 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This amendment does three things to the bill, they are all related to the bill and they're a matter of what we're trying to get solved here and trying to clean up things as it deals with commercial drivers' licenses. This also deals with our federal motor carrier safety regulations and the hazardous material regulations. First of all we eliminate the operative date of July 1, 1996, put the emergency clause on it. And the reason we're doing that is that we also amend the process of a CDL license and it would allow for the renewal process of that CDL, much similar, that they don't have to take the written examination if their driver's abstract shows no traffic violations, very similar to what we do for your regular operator's license right now. That section is taken from LB 323 and from the legislative history, that bill is on General File and had a hearing and has no objections to it. But it also is a very convenient and harmonizing thing to do for those who are concerned about CDLs. The final thing that it does is one that allows for grandfathering of the physical, there's federal physical requirements and qualifications for drivers in CDLs. We in this state attempted to take care, and we are taking care, if you had a commercial driver's license prior to July 30 of 1996 and you are a Nebraskan and you're doing intrastate driving within this state or operating within the state, you had a grandfather, if you had the old CDL, you now get one when this date comes around and you're grandfathered. We tried to grandfather people from other states as well so if they had a