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I've had contact on it, obviously you have.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right. Part of the problem is that we have a number of cars sold at auction that come from all over the country...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that have salvage titles.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hilgert, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HILGERT: I just wanted to express my sense of urgency for this piece of legislation. The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles for years have accepted salvage certificates as adequate proof of ownership for a vehicle. And based on that previous acceptance, no one in the state has ever hesitated to purchase salvaged vehicles being sold at auctions in other states. Unfortunately, for many individuals and business, in approximately October, 1995, the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles suddenly changed its mind and started refusing to issue Nebraska titles for vehicles which came from Illinois, Texas, et cetera, simply because these states had not used the proper word title in the heading of its ownership document. This legislation and the acceptance of the salvage certificate of title is desperately needed for some key businesses, some of which are in my district. Industry officials have estimated there's over a half million dollars of inventory waiting throughout the state because of this change in policy. I would like to again reiterate my sense of urgency in the passage of the committee amendment and LB 1306, and would encourage the body to adopt it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Kristensen, you may close on the committee amendments. The closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments? All in favor vote aye. Opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.