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SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did introduce LB 291 in the Transportation Committee and it was advanced unanimously. LB 291 changes the provisions relating to the registration of fleet vehicles. Nebraska Statute 60-305.16 currently provides for the issuance of permanent trailer plates. On power units, which is the tractor or the cab, the plates are replaced every three years. LB 291 amends the permanent trailer plate provisions and the general DMV plate provisions to make trucks and truck-tractors eligible for permanent plates. This is for apportioned fleet vehicles only, it applies to Nebraska-based truck companies. Currently the trailers have the permanent plates. That has been in place for nine years and it has worked very well. This would allow the cab or tractor to have them, and it would save the companies the hassle that they have every three years certainly to mail out the plates, as well as saving the state the cost of issuing those. The \$1.50 continues which goes to the Highway Trust Fund. In addition, there would be a new \$3 permanent license fee, which would go to the Highway Cash Fund. The \$2 renewal fee would still be in place. You could not transfer the plates, and they would end if the truck was sold. I would request you to enact LB 291 and I would answer any questions, if anybody has any.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, committee amendments.

CLERK: Transportation offers committee amendments, Mr. President. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM0068, on page 350 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think Senator Chris Peterson explained the bill very adequately. And the committee amendment is a very minor amendment, basically. It extends the operative date so that DMV can gear up for this and have everything ready to go. Extends the operative date to January 1 of 2000, as opposed to the normal date when the law would take effect after the adjournment of the Legislature. So we have an operative date on January 1, which also has the advantage of people knowing that things change on a certain date, and that's clearly defined and a good time to change the law in that