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Bruning. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to the Transportation Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Bruning to open on LB 340.

SENATOR BRUNING: Thank you, Mr. President, members. LB 340, advanced out of Transportation Committee eight to zero, was brought to me by the Omaha Auto Auction, a business in my district that employs hundreds of people and sells thousands of cars to dealers, auto dealers around the state. Essentially, what LB 340 does is it moves the current regulations for sales of vehicles to dealers and auto auctions into the computer age. Right now, if you've ever driven to Omaha, just as you enter Omaha, on the west side, you'll see the Omaha Auto Auction. And they've got thousands of cars on, oh probably a 30, 40, 50-acre lot. Every one of these cars under current regulations has to have a yellow piece of paper stuck to the windshield. Now these cars aren't sold to people like you and I, they're sold to dealers. And they're sold in probably 30-second shots. They run these things through almost a conveyor system, it seems like. There's a whole group of drivers, they drive them through kind of a bay, and they are sold as fast as you could imagine. Well, think about how much it slows down the entire process if they have to send some kid out to find car number 1652A, out in the middle of this 50-acre lot, and stick a yellow piece of paper on the windshield. LB 340 will change that. It's been agreed to by the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board, it's been agreed to by the New Car and Truck Dealers, by all the groups around the state that have any control over this. I'll also briefly talk about a very small amendment. And, Senator Bromm, I apologize for not getting this to you before today. But this takes out three words, the words "displayed and being" in the amendment, on page 3, line 4. And that's just to make sure that the bill does what it's designed to do, that you don't have to display this piece of yellow paper on the car. All this information is still available to the dealers, it just doesn't need now to be stuck on the windshield of the vehicle and take up that extra time and slow down the process. With that, I'd yield my time back to the Chair.