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send each of those owners a letter? The amendment simply adds the words "each of", so that it says they shall send a certified letter to each of the last registered owners. Now, as a matter of fact, in checking with the Department of Motor Vehicles, they have a regulation that states that that should be done. And according to them that is what they encourage as the practice. So we're simply putting into statute what really is the practice. So that amendment, I think, is a very modest amendment, but appreciate Senator Beutler raising the question. The other amendment is a little more significant, and that comes on the same page of the bill, Section 4. And this is again the section that pertains law enforcement having custody of a vehicle for investigative purposes. Senator Chambers' concerns centered around whether or not, when they hold a vehicle for investigation, whether or not a fee should be able to be charged for storage. And in thinking about that, we came up with...with a proposition as follows: that there would be no fees for storage under those conditions, unless, unless the state or local law enforcement agency petitioned the court for the reasonable cost of storage, and that they could do if a registered owner of the vehicle was convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime for which the agency took custody of the vehicle for investigation. Mr. President, Mr. Clerk, the Bill Drafter has just come down with the language. And I don't know if this is appropriate, but I think it would be better if I would ask leave to substitute the Bill Drafters amendment for the floor amendment, if I could have permission to do that.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: If there's no objection to the substitution,...

SENATOR BROMM: The substitution, Mr. President,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: ...so ordered.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you. The substituted amendment is AM288, and that will be substituted for the floor amendment that I had filed with the Clerk. Thank you. the substituted amendment, 288, then does what I've just described. And I want to stress to the body that in discussions that went back and forth on Senator Chambers' portion of the amendment, there was a suggestion that no fees be charged under these conditions where