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Legislature. I've passed out two letters. One is from the Professional Insurance Agents of Nebraska. It says they support the above bill which sets up a commission to study the various sections of motor vehicles laws with emphasis on the problems of unlicensed, uninsured and underinsured drivers. Each year we see at least two to five bills on this subject, and rather than put the committee through all these standby types of changes, it would seem logical that a study commission focus on this big problem. The second letter that I passed out is from the Independent Insurance Agents, the big I. They would like to express their association's strong support of LB 302, which is now the amendment before you. It represents 2,000 Nebraska independent insurance agents. Our members overwhelmingly support working towards reducing the number of people who drive without insurance in Nebraska. If you look at the statistics from the Department of Motor Vehicles, this is a problem in all areas, doesn't seem to be going away. In 1997, there were 7,567 violations for people driving with no proof of insurance; there were 13,264 violations for people driving with no driver's license. As I said, this is my attempt at a reasonable approach to a problem that people across the state feel, because of their own personal experience, that there is and it will be a way of getting all of the se...sides together to look at the laws, the statutes and determine through study and analysis and review of statistics, other laws, public hearings, of possible solutions to or at least a way to move in overcoming this problem across the state of Nebraska, and I would ask for your support of AM1305. I'd be glad to try to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Peterson. For discussion on the Peterson amendment to LB 705 (sic), Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Peterson a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Peterson, did you say that this was a bill?