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address the issue because I do not think that we can continue to pass this over and not get back to the people, who find themselves in situations where they are victimized by people that are unlicensed, unregistered, uninsured, and so at this time then I would withdraw the amendment with the understanding that we will go forward with an interim study to address the issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Landis would move to amend. (AM1394, Legislative Journal page 1634.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on AM1394.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This bill dealing with this, it does rules of the road, offers up opportunity, and I want to take my crack at it as well. We have in a very arcane section of state law a requirement to have a 1-day crane moving permit. Now the funny thing is that even though cities are supposed to have 1-day crane moving permits, no city has a 1-day crane moving permit. Does that mean that cranes never move? No, they do. What the cities do is they ignore this section. They don't pay any attention. Oh, these are rubber-wheeled cranes, Senator Kiel, thank you. I was looking at the ghost of Red Skelton doing some comedy sketch or whatever; no, these are rubber-tired cranes, large ones that are used in construction. I can tell you that the Department of Roads several years ago said, gosh, we ought to strike this provision. It doesn't make any sense. We don't follow it. We don't think it makes a lot of sense, and the city of Lincoln said, oh, gosh, we want to maintain some control here, leave the 1-day permit. Well, not only did they ask to have it happen, they then, being the only city who cared to have it happen that way, decided to change their practices, ignore the law, and instituted a 30-day permit which is not authorized by state law. What the amendment I am offering to you does is it says that cities may have crane moving permits consistent with their authorities inside their jurisdictions. Most cities don't want to have them. A couple of cities, Lincoln and Omaha,