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getting just the 90 cents, he's getting the pick-up fee and the delivery fee if he chooses. And a number of them are doing that. Not only that, some of them if the mother is in the hospital and the pick-up fee, they go and pick up the father and two children, they're charging a fee for each one of the riders. So sometimes as we discuss this I think we need to take into consideration some of what certainly appears to be abuses that have been out there in the system. I don't think any of us look forward to the...of trying to put someone out of business. But the question is we are here and that is taxpayers' money. And if there seems to be an abuse by some, perhaps those who have tried to be good providers will suffer. But when the problem is at the level that it is and we're talking about \$345,000 a year at least to the state, that's a major problem. And I believe that as been indicated where those services may no longer be available by taxi cab, if that happens, there is certainly volunteers, family, other taxpayers who are also taxpayers, not just the taxi cab drivers, who could qualify and earn that same amount of money, that 90 cents per mile and, from all the checking we've done, be able to get the insurance necessary to provide that. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Senator Jensen, please.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The state of Nebraska spends about \$3.5 million a year, \$3.5 million a year on taxi service for welfare and Medicaid recipients. And here a few years ago we had some great abuses in that we had individuals who were using that service not only to go to the doctor but go to grocery stores, that isn't so bad, but there were even trips to strip clubs, pet shops. There were also thousands of no-shows where they'd call the carrier and then the carrier would show up and they weren't there. So we have addressed those issues in the past and we have made some progress on this. I have visited with the Health and Human Services Department. They have assured me that they will make the volunteers aware of the insurance situation. There is some flexibility as Senator Byars mentioned. I, like Senator Byars, also will spend some time on this, this next year, visiting with the department to ensure that we do have an equitable system. And if need be, we'll be back next year to address this situation. And I also had visited with State Farm lobbyists and