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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Matzke, please.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Chambers, with his usual academic excellence is zeroing in, he's not listening to me, but apparently arguing with two lawyers on the sidelines (laugh) and I'm not going to get his attention for a little while, but I will eventually. This is not as complicated as...oh, I was just complimenting you, Senator Chambers, for focusing on a good academic issue. And when you're completed over there, I'll go back to it. There's been a handout here which indicates that there are only four other states that fail to do this, in other words virtually every state in the country takes into account DUI convictions from offenders from other states. And there have been newspaper stories, and I don't know whether you've seen them or not, where you have serial drunk drivers who have been convicted of...well there is one news story from Omaha of a man convicted nine times of DUI, but most of them were in...were in Kansas and Iowa. And the problem is you've got drivers that have very, very serious alcohol problems, and they may just slip across the state. Now this is of particular importance to my district because I live 16 miles from Colorado. The Colorado border is just 16 miles south of us. And what happens now if you have a serial drunk driver, this is some...really serious, somebody that has been convicted five, six, ten, fifteen times in other states, and they want to come to Nebraska. We're one of four states where they can get away with it because we cannot take into account their prior convictions in other states. Also, I live fairly close to Wyoming. This is a real problem in border counties, and I think that's the reason you hear Senator Engel, from South Sioux City, and me talking about this problem. We have a serious...not a serious problem, but it is a recurring problem at Lake McConaughy, where a lot of people come in from Colorado for recreational purposes. And if they are the very serious alcoholic drivers, the serial drunks, we don't want them driving on our highways in this state, and we don't want to give them special protection. The only other states that do not have this kind of statutes are Alabama, Hawaii, Montana, and North Carolina. Every other state has this kind of statutory framework, it's a very normal matter, it is not as complicated as Senator Chambers would have you believe, it's a good statute.