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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I get mixed up myself. Mr. President, members of the body, I think that for the body itself to understand what's at issue here, I think you have to see how convictions are handled through the court process. Let's say that a person is charged with an offense of drunken driving. That person then is prosecuted and perhaps convicted of that. If he's convicted, if this is the second or third offense, then in Nebraska law, I'm talking about in Nebraska, not elsewhere, in Nebraska they have to come back in and prove the prior offenses. It isn't an automatic thing that if you're charged with second or third offense that when you're convicted, all they do is just show the record. They have to come back in and prove it, and there are attorneys on both sides. And if it was an improper conviction or if there was some error in that, then that's not counted against the enhanced penalties of subsequent offenses. So, I see the concern in what Senator Chambers is saying in the second portion of paragraph (b), which says that the court may take judicial notice of any conviction under the laws of another state. If you can't take judicial notice of a conviction in your own state, I don't think we want to enhance that and say that you can take judicial notice in another state. This is...this provision of law was proposed simply, I'm sure, to make it less cumbersome to have to go back and find the records of what the law was at a particular time in whatever foreign state it is, but I think it's something that would be subject to proof. It doesn't change the substance of the law to provide that these judicial notices may take place. It simply is a method by which the court could have an easier time of being able to prove these, which can be kind of cumbersome to find foreign records as of a certain time, but I don't think it's necessary to the law itself. I think that these matters can be proved anyway without the advantage of these judicial notices. I think our court can hear these matters appropriately and I really don't think this adds much to the law. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Pederson. I need to check a couple of lights. Senator Vrtiska, you still wish to speak to the bill? Senator Dierks, you wish to speak to the bill? Senator Dierks, you wish to speak to the bill? We're still on the amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: No, I want to speak to the bill, please.