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fulfilled all the requirements, he thought, but when he went to get his new driver's license, he had moved to one state and then back to Nebraska. When he went to get his driver's license renewed in Nebraska, the Internet showed to DMV that Illinois had a hold on that license. So I do think that that information is available. I don't know how...if county attorneys try to find information like on the Internet when they are looking at DWI or any other case to make a charge, but I really do think this is a bill that we need. I do think we need the change because probably the man that...that perhaps motivated the bill, the case that motivated the bill is not unique. That one just happened to get a lot more publicity because of his adroitness at eluding the police. So, thank you and I do support...I'll support the committee amendments. I support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Matzke, on the committee amendments. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just wanted to signify my agreement with Senator Chambers that undoubtedly this bill needs some redrafting, and the paragraphs that remain in the committee amendments are rather long and convoluted, and I agree with him that it would, when you are dealing, he's right, when you're dealing with a criminal statute you want to have it very clear and concise, so that you...I mean constitutionally you can't convict somebody under a criminal statute unless it is clear and concise. And so, and Senator Chambers has repeatedly admonished us in the past in dealing with criminal statutes that one of the constitutional precepts is that a criminal statute must be so definite and so clear that a citizen can tell when they are violating it or not. So there is some very complicated wording in this that we need to address, and I've talked to some of the other senators here and we look forward to working with Senator Chambers and getting the benefit of his counsel and advice on clearing this up a bit or quite a bit. But at this point, we have eliminated section (b) from the committee amendments, and I would ask and recommend to the members of the body that we advance the committee amendments with the understanding and commitment that we have some work to do.