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soliciting a ride, employment, contributions, or business from the occupant of any vehicle. LB 86 simply allows the regulation of this type of activity by individual cities rather than the state. If a community decides, through passage of a city ordinance, to allow and regulate such fund-raising on roadways under their jurisdiction, they could continue to promote this activity. If the city decides that it is not an activity that they want to be involved with, they would have the ability to refuse to pass such an ordinance. In any case, a decision over traffic regulation would be a local one, based on local input rather than based on state law. Last year, I introduced this same concept as LB 1143. The bill was amended by the committee to better reflect what we wanted to do, and sent to the floor. We ran out of time before the bill could be considered. The changes suggested last year have been incorporated into this bill, LB 86. And the Urban Affairs Committee sent this bill to the floor shortly after the hearing early this week...last week. The Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters, the Omaha firefighters, the city of Omaha, and the League of Nebraska Municipalities have expressed support for this bill, and I urge your support, and would answer any questions you might have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. You've heard the opening on LB 86. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. Senator, I have FA1146 in front of me. (Legislative Journal page 291.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. President, . .

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: You're recognized to open on FA1146.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, before I go into my amendment, I don't like this idea of people standing out in traffic collecting money. I don't care who the people are. I don't care what their purposes are. It makes...it creates a hazard for the drivers, as well as the person who's standing out there in traffic. And these additional hazards should not be made available for confronting the motoring public. Firefighters are the ones who want this.