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SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. A little foundation on LB 102. Right now, the county sheriffs inspect vehicles, their titles and serial numbers and so on, as for what we call foreign titles, titles that are issued outside of the state of Nebraska. They get \$10 per inspection. That \$10 fee goes to the county's treasurer, county general fund. The State Patrol has gotten into inspections whereby they did 983 title inspections in 2001, but they did 9,263 title inspections in 2002. They've been doing these, what we call foreign vehicles, vehicles that may not end up in Nebraska but they still are approving the title, paperwork and so on, and they have not been getting paid for it. State Patrol requested that they be able to charge \$10 fee to cover their costs on these inspections. It does not change anything as far as the county sheriffs' inspections. They're two different groups of title inspections, in all reality. It would offset the costs that they now have, and obviously they've come up in the number of vehicles that the State Patrol has been inspecting. It's gone from 983 one year to 9,263. Obvious question is why has it gone up so rapidly, and apparently Nebraska has a very clean, efficient titling process, so some of these importers are using Nebraska to come in to inspect the title, the paperwork, the State Patrol has been doing it, and issue the title. So that's what the bill does. It doesn't affect anything in the process the county sheriffs are doing. It only allows the State Patrol to collect the same \$10 fee that county sheriffs are getting. Their \$10 fee would go into their program as far as auto fraud and inspection and just offset the costs. With that, that's my introduction. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 102 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion to advance vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the motion to advance LB 102. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 102.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 102 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.