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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Aguilar to open on LB 371.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 371 is a bill brought about by a problem with large truck manufacturers not honoring the warranties on large truck parts, such as engines, transmissions, and rear axles, to the truck dealers. This bill is designed to ensure that the warranties are honored. There are committee amendments which will become the bill. And I'll expand on them as soon as the Chair opens them.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Mr. Clerk, we have amendments?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee would offer committee amendments. (AM0106, Legislative Journal page 339.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you. Senator Baker to open on the committee amendments to LB 371.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. As sometimes happens with a bill of this nature, we...the bill was introduced by Senator Aguilar. Had a hearing. There was no opposition to the bill whatsoever. And it was pointed out, though, afterwards that we referred to a Chapter 60, Section 1438 in the original bill, and decided that that's where the actual bill should belong, was in Section 1438. So the committee amendments replaces the bill. And I'm going to simply yield the rest of my time back to Senator Aguilar, and he can explain to you the...what now is the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Aguilar, you have a little over nine minutes.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you. This bill was brought to me by truck dealers in my district, in order to solve a problem that has developed regarding warranty work being performed on large trucks or semis, what we generally refer to as a semi. Currently, Nebraska law requires truck manufacturers and dealers to honor warranties included on their trucks. The manufacturer