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jurisdictions to which a company travels. At present, 48 states, the District of Columbia, and 10 Canadian provinces belong to IRP, and Congress sanctioned the use of IRP to apportion registration fees a number of years ago. So the department has undertaken this process to rewrite the IRP provisions and part of this was done through the National Council of State Legislatures, and so on, that analyzed this IRP program. So what this bill does, it's a fairly lengthy bill, gets us into compliance with all of the IRP changes. And as I said, it's a continually changing thing. I hope...it seems like we've been inundated this session with these bills, but IRP has been in existence since 1978, and it continues to evolve. So it's just...it's one of those things we have to do. I'd be glad to answer any questions. It simply gets us in compliance, again, with, in this case, not registrations, not driver's licenses, but the international registration program. I'd be glad to answer questions. With that, I return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on LB 563. Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Senator Baker would move to amend, AM0397. (Legislative Journal page 566.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, to open on your amendment, AM0397.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is a very simple amendment. It says once the states receive this money and they have to apportion it out to the various entities that are entitled to this, if there is a dispute on those apportionments of the fees...I'm sorry, if the owner of this...of the trucking company says there is a problem, a matter of an appeal on the fees is what I should have said, then the director shall appoint a hearing officer who shall hear the dispute and issue a written decision. An appeal may be done in that process. That's what the amendment does, and the Department of Motor Vehicles director does not want to do this. They would prefer to have a hearing officer. So it's a matter of some little clean-up language on the fact that if there is a