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I think have been correctly portrayed, are not a legal proceeding or they are not a court proceeding, and very little changes in a hearing. Unless the arresting officer doesn't show up, the hearing is only to confirm the probable cause and the facts of the arrest, to review the facts of the arrest. Was it a valid arrest? And, finally, this bill that's being brought to us is to correct some problems. It is not brought by MADD. It is brought by the National Safety Council, Nebraska Highway Safety, who recognizes that Nebraska's bill is out of step with other states who have had some experience and have done some good work in correcting the problems, in particular about hearings. I will leave to my legal friends on the floor to figure out what's appropriate in these hearings, but I would submit that we need to smooth this out, make this work in order to relieve some pressure on the courts, but...and in order to be fair to the offender, and, most of all, in order to make ALR what it was first designed to be, a very quick challenge to somebody's attitude as he suddenly discovers that he no longer is carrying his driver's license. I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. The issue before us is FA1200 offered by Senator Chambers to LB 209. On with the discussion, Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I really appreciate the discussion we're having today. I appreciate the point we are this year compared to where we have in the past. We are fixing this process. There is multiple problems in it. This is part of it, and I don't know if exactly this is the correct way that we proposed to fix the appeals of the administrative license revocations or not. I'm open to the discussion, but I am very happy that we are moving to fixing a process that I think is broken. The administrative license revocation on funding, on application, on uniformity needed to be corrected. This part of the process that we're talking about is that when you get your license revoked by a hearing, you get it pulled at the scene of the crime, per se, and then you have a hearing, you can appeal that. And in some parts of the state, we were hearing that defendants were automatically appealing this because they'd get their license back, that it could be a funding mechanism for the attorneys involved. It also could be