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Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0496, Legislative Journal page 609, First Session, 2003.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Baker, you're recognized to open on LB 559.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I...we briefly touched upon this bill previously, but I will go back and get people up to speed. The purpose of the bill is to enhance the security and reliability of the issuance process for drivers' licenses and ID cards. The bill makes changes to reflect the use of computer technology in the licensing process. As you know, we're going to all computer technology on all new licenses. It removes archaic references to the paper forms that we've been using up to now. It also updates statutes governing driver training schools and so on, to broaden the scope of what they can do. Since the bill is changed dramatically by the committee amendment, I believe I will defer to that and talk more about the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, you're recognized to open on the Transportation Committee's amendments.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. As I said, the committee amendment removes some language in there that was troublesome to us as a committee--Section 4, if you're following along, on page 4--removes references to the paper application forms and some old language. And a subsequent amendment, AM2241, in the bill it required two forms of identification for driver's license, and that's removed by a subsequent amendment. But Section 4 also provides an alternative to people under 18, to provide another...an alternative form of identification, or a number of different forms, if they cannot come up with a birth certificate or birth registration. Section 5 requires a valid Social Security number, which has always been the case, to obtain a driver's license. It's in the statutes now. It clarifies the procedure of checking on this Social Security number, as to its validity and so on. As I said, it's always...it's already in statute that Social Security numbers