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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. So that's the opening on my bill, and I'll defer to Senator Jones' amendment, because I will be supporting that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the opening on AM2353. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jones would move to amend Senator Wehrbein's amendment with AM2417. (Legislative Journal page 503.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jones, to open on your amendment to the Wehrbein amendment, AM2353.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, there's a lot of confusion across the state because of the...they're trying to figure out the number of days, like 30 to 60 days that's recorded in AM2353, and trying to figure out the dollars for a penalty in each one of that. Well, my amendment changes that, and it just takes that all out in lines 14 through 16 on page 4 of Senator Wehrbein's amendment, and then it adds mine, which would say, "such taxes due at fourteen percent per annum. Such late fee shall be credited to the county general fund." Right now, if you're late at paying your real estate tax, well, it's a 14 percent. And they're already used to that out there. And so this just puts it in statute that they can do this. And this is only to the tax. It's not to the registration or anything like that. And the people with older vehicles, after about so long, well, there's no tax on it. So if you're driving an older vehicle, well, you probably won't see no interest charged at all. If there's no tax, there's no interest. So Senator Wehrbein has signed on to this amendment with me and is supportive of it. So that's all my amendment does. It just changes that over so it will be interest on that extra tax that is due. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. You've heard the opening on AM2417, offered by Senator Jones to the Wehrbein amendment to LB 279. Open for discussion on that motion by Senator Jones. Senator Chambers.