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country legally under an alien status, which under the provisions of LB 559 as it stands now would not be able to access an operator's license in the state of Nebraska. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Open for discussion. Senator Kruse, Synowiecki amendment.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I rise in support of the Synowiecki amendment, and would personalize it a little bit. Also, I do want to underline a concern of DMV. We've had extensive conversations with a number of persons about this. The reason DMV puts in there "thou shalt have a Social Security number validated" is because that's exactly what they want for those who qualify for Social Security numbers. If a person qualifies, they do want that number for identification purposes. And Senator Synowiecki and I are supportive of that. However, the "shall" creates a real problem. And I will simply personalize it a bit, in terms of what's already been said by Senator Synowiecki. If we have a gentleman who is on faculty at the Med Center, on loan from India, his wife, if she's unemployed, is not qualified to have a driver's license if there is the "shall" in there, unless we have this exception in here. I make this person a woman that we might be sensitive to the understanding of women driving in other countries. Many places, that's prohibited. We certainly don't want to be into that class. Unless we do this, this person would be prohibited. And DMV says they could handle some of this with regs. But I fail to see how a reg could contradict the plain language of statute. So I urge that we give support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Thank you, Senator Synowiecki, for introducing this. And I'll tell you, originally this, I think, was the issue that was brought to my attention by a constituent on General File. And I'm reading...and that's why I have an interest in the bill, because I've had three constituents contact me regarding this. And whether they maybe didn't understand what the current status of the law was, or didn't quite understand what the bill does, they