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Bourne was looking at, page 6, line 6, the provision that no person shall be licensed to operate a motor vehicle by the state of Nebraska if such person's Social Security number is not validated, we were under the working assumption during General File debate that this was mandated by the federal government, that this was guidance given to the states by the federal government, when in fact it ends up it's very permissive from the federal government. My staff worked diligently to try to locate this mandate, and we couldn't, and now I know why, and it's because it doesn't exist. So again, members, I think we need to be aware that we're going far beyond what's mandated, or what is...what the federal government expects states to do with regard to the issuances of the driver's license as it relates to Social Security numbers. My amendment simply tries to reconcile the practice of the Department of Motor Vehicles right now with statutory law. That's what it attempts to do. Senator Cudaback, I'd like to yield the remainder of my time to Senator Bourne.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I want to ask Senator Baker a quick question, based on something he just said, if Senator Baker would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you yield?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR BOURNE: And Senator Baker, I mean, I...surely you can agree that this is kind of a confusing area of law, when you're dealing with these DMV regs. And I think over the years we've just added and added and added and deleted, and it's kind of...I don't want to say it's a mess, but it's difficult...it's a difficult area of statute. You had said just a minute ago that the DMV already validates an individual's Social Security number. Is that what you had said?

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And you also said that's in statute.