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driving the interstates, many times you notice semis that are marked carrying hazardous waste and they're just tooling along like any other semi. Part of this is, is I would hope that the drivers of those have the right kind of credentials to do it. Hopefully, when they go through these scales and that sort of thing, these are all checked out and taken care of. I'd like to ask Senator Baker a question, if he would yield, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you yield to a question from Senator Louden?

SENATOR BAKER: Certainly will.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator, do you know if the licensing is checked when these motor carriers go through the scales and when they're stopped for weighing and port of entries and that sort of thing, that they have the right kind of credentials to be...maybe to drive these kind of rigs? Do you have any idea if that is being conducted?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, they are. They have to be, you know, have...if they're hauling hazardous material, they have to have a hazardous material endorsement on their commercial driver's license. That is checked.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah. Now is that...is that still? I notice in some of our...there's a little folder book, it was passed out to everybody here last year and it's titled "A Planning Guide for Shipping of Radioactive Materials Through the Midwestern States." Are these guidelines being followed by the state of Nebraska and are they being checked by our Patrol and that sort of thing when they come through the state? And are we...do we have people in the county sheriffs in different areas notified if this material is being sent through their area?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. The answer to your question is, yes. Yes. The reason we're passing this bill, and we have to do it on an annual basis, is to make sure that we are in compliance with those federal regulations so that our carrier enforcement officers out there have the authority to check these people on the updated regulations, whether it's hazardous material or