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safety issues, hours of service, and so on. That is the reason for the bill, that we are able then to enforce the federal regulations as they may be amended each year.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, now, will we have to change the date again next year? How come we had to change it last year to this year, I guess? Is this something that's ongoing, or will this be fixed for a number of years now?

SENATOR BAKER: It's going to be an annual bill. We do it every year. I do have a list of the changes here if you're interested. I don't want to start through them on the mike, on your time especially, but they're changed. Those federal regulations are being changed annually and we have to adopt them on an annual basis to be in compliance so that we can enforce them as the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay, then this is something that we'll probably work on every year, this same type of bill?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, it is.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Will come out of the Transportation Committee?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, we do it every year.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Baker. That...Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Further discussion on advancement of LB 83 offered by Senator Baker? Seeing no lights on, Senator Baker, you're recognized to close, if you care to.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, very briefly. I appreciate the discussion. And Senator Louden brought up the point, why every year? But that's just it. The regulations change. We have to adopt them as a state so that we can enforce them. And anyone who would care to look at the changes, I have them here. They're pretty dry reading, but there are some changes on some safety requirements and such that we need to adopt. So I urge the...your vote for LB 83. Thank you.