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LB 274, 276

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. LB 276 is the companion bill to LB 274, which was the recodification of motor vehicle registration statutes. This is motor vehicle title statutes we're recodifying. What I said on LB 274 applies to LB 276. I want to thank my staff, and certainly Bill Drafters. And it's been 50-some years, I think, since we've recodified titling statutes. It's overdue; highly technical in nature. I don't proclaim to know everything that's been done in here. We have handed out a series of pages that tell you what we've moved where. There's no substantive changes in the statutes. We have a trailer bill that we're holding in committee until we get this moved through the process. I have asked people not to file amendments to LB 276, for the same reason as LB 274. The trailer bills are where you can file amendments, if that's what you want to do. We had the same group of people work with us on this recodification as the registration bill. It included, obviously, Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Patrol, Omaha Police Department, Motor Vehicle Licensing Board, Nebraska Truckers, Nebraska County Attorneys Association, League of Municipalities, the list goes on and on. If we've made mistakes on this, we have a lot of company to share the blame with us. And I hope they're there if we need them. There is a committee amendment, which I'll open briefly on, which is technical in nature. If you'll look at the committee amendments, it's moving various little letters and numbers around within the base bill. So I would be glad to answer questions. I...if you want to know where various sections were and where we moved them, they are on this handout. There are 100 sections to this bill. Not quite as comprehensive or as thick a bill as maybe the registration bill was. But certainly, a lot of material in titling bill. And like I said, staff and these various interested parties have worked on this all summer. Fall, we had interim hearings on this, trying to make sure we had no mistakes. As I said, there's a few minor technical changes in the committee amendment, which I will open on in a minute. So, with that, thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on LB 276. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments. As Chairman of the committee, you're recognized to open, Senator Baker.