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other way around. I think it's high time the Legislature afforded Nebraskans this important right,...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator.

SENATOR COMBS: ...and I hope that we can advance this selection to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Combs. We'll now move to the committee amendment from Judiciary Committee, AMO810. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I was going to yield some of the opening on the committee amendments to Senator Combs, but she indicated that she's done. I don't know if anyone remembers exactly what's in the bill, but I feel that I'll tell you what's in the committee amendment and how it changes the bill, and perhaps Senator Combs could explain, then, the different provisions in the bill. The committee amendment to LB 454 makes the following changes: In Section 4, subsection (1), it provides that applicants may apply for a permit at any Nebraska State Patrol troop headquarters or office provided by the Patrol for purposes of accepting applications. In Section 4, subsection (3), it provides that permits shall be issued and renewed by the State Patrol, rather than by the county sheriffs. In Section 4, subsection (4), it allows an individual to appeal a denial of permit application in either the county where the individual resides or the county where the permit was applied for. In Section 7, subsection (3), the committee amendment changes the bill, in that it allows an applicant who does not possess a driver's license to demonstrate he or she meets the vision requirements required, by submitting a statement from an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, certifying that the applicant's vision meets the requirements for a Class O operator's license. In Section 7, the committee amendment strikes language prohibiting persons who have a history of violence or who are habitually in an intoxicated or drug condition from obtaining a permit. In Section 7, subsection (6), it amends the residency requirement to only require an applicant reside in the state, rather than the county where the application is made. In Section 12 it amends the