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SENATOR COMBS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Senators. I have AM2169, which would replace in its entirety the original language of LB 454A. In doing so, it makes the language in the A bill consistent with the language of the bill itself, as amended by the committee amendment, AM0810, which was adopted by the body on General File. The major change made by AM0810 was to change the issuing agents for the permits from the county sheriffs to the Nebraska State Patrol. Therefore, the appropriation must be redirected to the Patrol. The amounts in AM2169 key directly to Revision 02 of the fiscal note to LB 454, prepared by Fiscal Office staff and dated January 12, 2006. The most important thing to know about LB 454A, as it would be amended by AM2169, is that it requires no expenditure of General Funds. The administration of the statute will be totally supported by the \$100 fee required for the issuance of a permit. As I indicated, the State Patrol will be the issuing agency, and the appropriation is based on their estimate that first-year applications will total 19,500; then applications are projected to drop to annual total of 5,000. The State Patrol currently charges \$33 for criminal record checks. That fee covers both the \$23 FBI charge for a national record check, and \$10 to cover the state's record search. In addition to this expense, the State Patrol notes that in order to provide a photograph as required on the permit, additional photographic equipment will need to be acquired for each location that issues permits. In addition, for the first-year influx of applications, the State Patrol anticipates hiring temporary employees to assist with record searches, which will also require additional temporary office space. These will be a one-time, nonrecurring expenditure. Included in the appropriation is an amount of \$30,000 for the Patrol to contract with the Department of Motor Vehicles, which is required under LB 454 to note, on the driver's license record of permitholders, permits issued, returned, or revoked. This will require modifications to the department's mainframe computer system, and entail 240 hours of programming for a one-time cost of \$18,000. The department anticipates employing a half-time data entry position for the initial influx of applications during the first year, at an