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under a suspended license. I'm just curious as to why this needs to be, so I'll listen to your discussion with Senator Beutler and maybe what's in my mind will be answered. Thank you, Senator Langemeier.

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Okay. You bet. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler. Is Senator Beutler on the floor? Senator Beutler, your light is on, if you wish to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, obviously, I support the Langemeier amendment, and I'd just like to thank Chris for keeping an open mind toward suggestions. I appreciate that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. think we can bring some clarity to this discussion Senator Chambers brought up. Commercial driver's license audits are conducted in each state at least once every three years, and in May of 2005 the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles was subjected to such an audit. And federal regulations, Senator Chambers, exempt military personnel from the requirement to have a commercial driver's license. These are federal regulations. We did not have that exemption in our statutes. Hence, comes the bill and what we're dealing with here in Section 14 on page 13. That's why it's in here. Federal regulations exempt military personnel from the requirement to have a commercial driver's license. We had to get this in our statutes to conform to the federal regulations. And I see no problem with the I think it's a good one, but in the Langemeier amendment. practical matter, we have military personnel moving around the country, obviously, and it would be a hardship. The reason they're exempt from a state CDL license, they move around. They might have to get certified, you know, a CDL in Nebraska or who knows where, and there's federal regulations that they can't have one in each state. They have to have one. So, hence, that's the rationale behind military personnel being exempt from having to have a CDL in a state because, in order to drive those military personnel, they do have to have a federal equivalent of