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We're discussing FA441 by Senator Chambers to LB 853. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. We're trying to work through this. I think I may offer an amendment, and I haven't had time to visit with Senator Chambers exactly or enough here maybe, but my amendment would change this particular section, subsection (3) on page 6, to read that if any person fails to return the registration certificate and license plates to the department, the department would notify the Nebraska State Patrol that any such person is in violation of this section, and this would go through the more normal process. They would be notified that a...this company, this entity, may have a plate on a truck and they have no valid registration and they would, thereby, not be able to continue running up and down the highways. And any commercial truck also has to have not only the plates, but has to have their name of the company and so on, further identifying them, and I think it would be fairly easy for the State Patrol to identify these...this person, And in many cases it's going to be a entities, whoever. commercial...a truck with a driver that doesn't own the truck, obviously, too, so they wouldn't be hard to identify. And I think maybe that would be a compromise that we could work out. I'm going to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment as it's drawn with the caveat that we can, I think, make something work here. And one other issue that has not been brought up is in section...on page 5, section (2)(a) on the committee amendment. It also provides, "The director may take such action no sooner than seven days after the written notice required subdivision (1)(b) of this section has been provided." there's going to be a notification process built into this also. Seven...it can't be more than seven...sooner than seven days after the written notice. So any entity or person who has a vehicle that's out there with no valid registration is going to have plenty of forewarning, that he should have anyway when they receive a check back, but that's nonpayment or closed account or so on. And we can, I think, take some of the concern out of the section that Senator Chambers wants to strike with his amendment by simply saying the department shall notify the Nebraska State Patrol. Thereby, they could provide a mechanism to...trigger a mechanism that State Patrol, and wouldn't have to be carrier