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person from being stopped, then how is Nebraska in compliance? If law enforcement may stop these people, take the truck and the driver out of service, then what has been achieved? The federal government wants these vehicles to move, and if the state is going to stop them, it is preventing what the federal government wants to see. I am not one of those people who will feel that just because some bureaucrat, and a low-level bureaucrat at that, writes a letter with an interpretation and a construction, I'm not going to just accept it at face value. And if this bill is not enacted into law, I don't believe that Nebraska is going to lose 5 percent of its highway funds. I do not believe it. We were told how much Nebraska would lose if it did not adopt a motorcycle helmet law some years ago, and I pointed out I don't believe they're going to take anything. And we...I don't like to use the word "defied." We didn't do what the federal government said, and Nebraska did not lose one penny, nor nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar, dollar, \$5, \$20, \$50, \$100 bill, none of it. And even in this letter it says Nebraska "could." It says that it is improbable that the government would have somebody without a valid military driver's license driving one of these vehicles, but such a person without a valid license may be driving one. So you have a Wal-Mart truck going down the highway. I'm a hijacker. I make the truck stop and I say, get out. We tie the guy up and I jump in behind the wheel. Well, because I'm black, they're not going to believe what I say anyway, but I got a white confederate. He's sitting behind the wheel and they pull him over and he says, I'm on government business; this is a military operation and I don't have a CDL license and I don't have to have one. Show me your military driver's license. Here's the law which says I don't have to have a military driver's license and I don't have to tell you anything else. Are you going to stop this governmental operation? So the cop says, well, that's what the law says, and lets me and my confederate go, because I'm sitting down...I'm lying on the floor so he can't see me. Then, when the cop lets us go, I get up and sit next to him on the seat and we just laugh all the way to our rendezvous point with our other...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...confederates and co-conspirators, and we