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they're not going to have one of our local licenses, why shouldn't they have a military license? Well, to me, there is only one reasonable response to that, and that is, well, maybe there's some kind of an emergency. So what my amendment says is that, basically, if you don't have a Nebraska commercial license, or a commercial license issued by...in the regular course of things by the issuer in some state that we recognize as valid, if you don't have a valid commercial license, then you've got to have a military license that assures us that you've been provided some adequate training to drive these large vehicles that are unwieldy and sometimes hard to control. But it also says that in the event that there's an emergency declared by the state or by the federal government, then in that case you could have somebody in the military without a military license and without a local commercial license driving these big vehicles. I mean, I can see that in certain limited situations that may be a necessity. But for regular training exercises, for regular driving around in nonemergency situations, which is what happens 90-some percent of the time, I can see no reason that reasonable people wouldn't require that they have either one license or the other. And so that's all that this amendment suggests, and I'm anxious to hear what the defense could be against this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I have not had a chance to see the text of the amendment that is before us. What I would like to suggest--because I think, once again, we're confusing enforcement and licensing--that whether we could add "or orders" to that requirement. Because if there were orders, at least there would be some responsibility on the part of someone within the chain of command about authorizing an individual to do that. And I...and if that does not meet the requirements of the feds, then I really feel like they're being a bit less than responsible. So that would just be my suggestion, as a way to make it a little bit more consistent. Because what I think the point of this amendment is, is that you might not have an individual who has a CDL or who even has a military driver's license, but you may have an activity that requires somebody to drive a truck. Well, if that's the case, then having the orders