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my hands, and it simply says that each state-- and this is just a part of what's in this regulation -- each state must exempt from the requirements of this part individuals who operate commercial motor vehicles for military purposes. We're talking about a very narrow scope of drivers here. Senator Beutler's amendment simply says that, yes, they can drive these, but they...if they have to have a valid--without looking at his amendment -- they must have a valid military driver's license, unless such individual is operating in, so on, et cetera, emergency situations. That clarifies it. I don't see the problem. They're going to be subject to enforcement. they're not in a military vehicle, they're going to be subject to enforcement like anyone else driving a commercial vehicle down the road. If they're in a marked military vehicle, I would assume they're going to be in uniform, maybe not, but they're also going to have their military identification. And if we adopt Senator Beutler's amendment, which I support, they're going to have a valid military driver's license. I don't see where we're getting ourselves into any problems or making any assumptions that are going to make fools of ourselves. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Brown, on the Beutler amendment to the Baker amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: I will rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment. I still am concerned, from the standpoint of that we're talking about two different issues. We're talking about licensing versus enforcement, and we still are not going to have anything, even under the Beutler amendment, that could be shown to an enforcement officer to prove to him that this person is operating under military orders. So I may, after we resolve this, suggest that we add, after...in the Beutler amendment, add, after "vehicle": is operating the vehicle "under written orders from a commanding officer" in an emergency declared by the federal government or by the state of Nebraska, so that there is a way that that enforcement officer can validate that this person is doing something that they are allowed to do. either by their licensing, if they have a military license, or by written orders from a commanding officer. Thank you.