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carrier. The hearing actually had testimony to that effect also. If you look at your committee statement, in the neutral capacity we did have representatives of the Nebraska Insurance Service...or, Information Service, and the Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska. Both testified that that was the case, insurance was not a problem so long as these individuals were only being reimbursed for their cost. This bill makes a lot of sense to all of us involved with it. I would be glad to answer any questions. And with that, I would ask for adoption of the committee amendment, AM2307. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Chairman Baker. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 1069. Open for discussion. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Byars some questions, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you respond?

SENATOR BYARS: Certainly.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Byars, you're...you know of my concern about this bill in terms of the private carriers that have to spend money for their liability insurance, and on and on. Under this provision and what the committee amendments, you're positive that insurance will not be an issue with the private carrier? And is there any minimums going to be demanded for carriers, private carriers, as far as amount of insurance they'd have to carry, or such a thing as that?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, it has been established through both carriers' large insurance company. I think I shared some information with you, for an example, from Allied Insurance, a large carrier. And also, I have case law from several states where this has been...this same type of legislation has been written into law and has been challenged by private carriers, and the court has ruled in favor of the state that the state is not responsible. Minimums, maybe that's a question more appropriately asked to the Chairman of the Transportation Committee. We haven't dealt with that at this time, Senator.