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bill. I think it's a great idea. And I do have just a couple of thoughts. One is the minimum insurance requirement. And Senator Baker, I think, has addressed that. It could be within the rules and regulations of HHSS, or certainly we could choose to do that on the floor. But I think as insurance and liabilities continue to change over the years, it's probably best left in rules and regs as opposed to statute, because it's just much easier to keep up to date. And I believe that's a fair compromise. If you would look at page 1 of the amendment, line 8, actually it's sub (a), it says, "The individual is under contract with the Nebraska Health and Human Services System and provides transportation to the eligible person." Now the individual under contract, as I understand it, would go through a process where his or her driver's license would be verified, driving record, and a couple of other things. Is that correct?

SENATOR BYARS: That is correct.

SENATOR MINES: And that would be done prior to their becoming eligible to transport individuals, right?

SENATOR BYARS: That is correct.

SENATOR MINES: Okay. Here's my question, is on line 2 (sic), the very last word, when it says, "and provides transportation to the eligible person." It appears to me, a layperson, that we are identifying that this individual who wishes to transport another individual is authorized on a single individual basis. Is that right?

SENATOR BYARS: That is correct.

SENATOR MINES: Are we excluding others that that individual could transport? For instance, you've got...well, a small town. You've got a small town and everyone knows that Mary is available to haul people around. Mary would have to file for each person she intends to transport, is the way I read this, and I don't know that that's what you intend.

SENATOR BYARS: Well, I think it is what we intend, Senator. The reason that we were trying to make clear that the person who