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apprenticeship program. And although the act provides for a third option, namely, showing certificates of completion in an apprenticeship program for elevator mechanics registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor, I am also informed that no such program currently exists. And then beyond the requirements to become a licensed elevator mechanic within six months of the operative date of this act, the owner or lessee of every conveyance that does not already have a certificate of inspection must register the conveyance with the Commissioner of Labor. And that must provide the commissioner with the type, rate, load, speed, name of manufacturer, location, purpose for which it is used,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ... with additional information as the commissioner may require. These reporting requirements go beyond the technical knowledge of certainly most citizens. Then all certificates of inspections will require an additional fee. Now that fee, I don't have a problem with, and it should be raised and that is what the main bill, LB 489, addresses. But also, there then becomes some violations and a Class II misdemeanor for any individual who's not a licensed elevator mechanic who purchases and installs a conveyance would be guilty I think that's heavy-handed. Any person who knowingly es conveyance safety acts is guilty of a Class IV violates misdemeanor. You know, in the state of Nebraska, we're not like Chicago, we're not like some of the other states. I just don't believe...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...that we need this, and I'd ask that it not be advanced. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Members, I know it's a great day to talk and converse with the older...with the former members, rather, but try to hold the conversation down and show respect for the speakers. Thank you. Senator Preister.