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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, to open.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The amendment that I'm proposing, AM2774, is actually LB 295, which was introduced last year and was advanced from the committee, 7 to 0, with 1 being absent. What this does is it harmonizes a section of the current state statute with changes made to the underlying law by LB 254, way back in 2001. This necessity for harmonizing was brought to our attention by the DMV, and so LB 295, which is now the amendment that we're talking about, was introduced to take care of that. Four years ago under LB 254 that bill made significant changes to Section 60 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, which then required a driver responsible for colliding with and damaging an unattended vehicle to report that accident with 12 hours of its occurrence. Under that bill the language was amended to require that the report be made without unnecessary delay. Well, despite the changes made to that section of law, subsection (4) of Section 60, which assigns penalty points for failing to report an accident with an unattended vehicle, was not amended accordingly. So that's what this does. And as a result, subsection (4) continues to differentiate between reports made within the previous 12-hour time limit and those made afterwards. So this bill, LB 295, and now AM2774, would amend the previous 12-hour time limit of a report, and those made afterwards. So now we are amending the outdated language to conform to the statutory change made four years ago, so that the penalty points would be imposed only for failing to report an accident pursuant to the time requirements of the current law. So what we're doing is just taking an amendment...or, a bill that we had four years ago, where the results did not harmonize. All we're doing is harmonizing the amount of penalty points, and I would appreciate your yes vote on this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. It was the opening on AM2774 to the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 925. Senator Jensen, your light was on earlier. He's not on the floor. We'll pass over Senator Jensen. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the