

registration of rental vehicles, and then moving that vehicle into Nebraska. What this amendment then, and I am going to probably refer to it as LB 290, but it would provide a system where the rental company would register their vehicle in the county that they are doing business or in some other state, it really doesn't make altogether that much difference. They would be authorized to levy a fee on the gross transaction for rental of 4 1/2 percent on the gross transaction. That fee would accumulate over a 12-month period. The rental company then, the car rental company would, at the end of the year, add up the sum total of motor vehicle registrations, I am talking about automobiles and passenger vans of 15 persons capacity or less, the total registration costs, the total that the 4 1/2 percent gross receipts tax on transactions that originated in Nebraska. If the transaction tax, in this case, was more than what they had...more than what they had invested in motor vehicle taxes and registration, they would remit the balance to the county in which the transaction took place. If the transaction tax of 4 1/2 percent was less than what their total motor vehicle taxes were, then, of course, they would have to absorb the difference. There isn't any windfall in this bill for the car rental industry. What it is is an effort to ensure that vehicles that are being rented in Nebraska do, in fact, incur cost for the use of our streets and roads and government services that get money from the property tax on vehicles. The net result of this is predicted to encourage the licensing and registration of rental vehicles in the state, in the counties in which they are operated. I think it is a good bill. The Revenue Committee thought it was also a good bill in the committee amended version, and I would encourage the adoption of this amendment and certainly be receptive to questions because this is a little bit different practice than what is currently in place. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Does anyone wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, we will now vote on the Coordsen amendment to LB 346. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment.