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SPEAKER BAACK: Before we proceed to the next bill, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature today. We have some students from Olathe, Kansas, from Olathe North High School and their teacher. And they're in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. Mr. Clerk, LB 420.

CLERK: Mr. President, 420, a bill introduced by the Transportation Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have no committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 420 is the second of the Transportation Committee's priority bills and we have brought this bill to you for a couple of different reasons and I will try to go through those briefly with you. And then I believe that the force and effect of this bill and the general focus of the debate this afternoon will be on amendments that will come to the bill. First of all, there are three basic changes. This deals in the area of commercial drivers' licenses. As you remember, they need...as mandated to us by the federal government for the commercial drivers' license itself, the Department of Motor Vehicles has brought to us some additional things as they have had a year now to deal with the commercial drivers' license, commonly known as the CDL. The first would be four additional restrictions to the CDL and what these are are basically designations that we placed on the CDL license itself. The first one is a scheduled K, then there is an M, N and O. These are uniform restrictions that...on the vehicle codes that the Department of Motor Vehicles would like to have them placed, and most significant of those is the schedule or the restriction K. It talks about the operation of a commercial motor vehicle for intrastate, inside the State of Nebraska by itself. If for some reason you can't meet the physical requirements to operate interstate, you can receive this restriction that lets you only drive the vehicle with a commercial drivers' license inside the State of Nebraska. This is certainly within the federal requirements and they would allow us to do that. The other ones, the M, N and O restrictions are...two of them are in