

amendments?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 413. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen would move to amend the bill, Mr. President. (The Kristensen amendment appears on page 1789 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature. LB 413, as you remember, is one of the committee priority bills for the Transportation Committee. And just to give you some background because we've been dealing in other areas for some period of time, LB 413 was designed to address the developments that have occurred as a result of the ISTEA Act being introduced and passed by Congress in 1991. And what this basically allows us to do is have a single base state registration program so that you don't have interstate trucks or other interstate commerce registering in a variety of other states and that then they have stamps and you have seen them as bingo stamps. What this bill is designed to do is Congress has brought on board a single base state registration system and this legislation was designed, we had it here earlier and we were hoping that Congress would have been speeding it up to introduce rules and regulations so we could pass a law that would mirror what the federal rules and regulations were, and once they had those federal rules and regulations we could then enter into the system and be a part of that. The most pressing part of it is, is that the eligible states to join the single state program must join in the initial year. This is the initial year. Unfortunately, what's happened is that the federal government has got those, they voted on the concepts but they do not have printed rules and regulations. I've handed out two things to you. The first is the transportation topics, this bingo card substitute proposed. It's got a date of February 1st, '93. This sort of gives you a background if you wanted to review what this legislation is about. But you will see at the top of the second list of paragraphs that eligible states must join the single state program in its initial year and the participation must be continuous. What we're afraid of is that since there are not any written rules and regulations and that's the reason we handed out the second part here to you