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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Some questions of Senator Bereuter. Senator Bereuter, you state there is no loss of revenue to the state by not requiring these people to purchase a Nebraska license?

SENATOR BEREUTER: There is no actual loss, the Department of Motor Vehicles informs me, because the fees collected only balance out the cost involved in the process.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Is that true throughout our Motor Vehicle Department licensing situation?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I don't know that that is the case but I would know that there would be no more cost involved in issuing a license to a nonresident student than there would be to a resident one.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: All right. Now for example, if they do not have to be licensed in the State of Nebraska, would they also then be exempt from wheel tax, say, in Omaha?

SENATOR BEREUTER: This has nothing to do with the requirement related to the motor vehicle itself. It relates strictly to the license itself. I mean to the driver's license, the motor vehicle operator's license.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Which is, the fee for that is what now?

SENATOR BEREUTER: \$6, I believe. Is it \$8? It is \$6 or \$8. I have forgotten. \$6, okay, thank you.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: And that is a pure cash flow situation that covers all the...does any General Revenue fund go to support the issuing of licenses?

SENATOR BEREUTER: It is my understanding that the issuance of motor vehicle operator's permits is a self sustaining operation. Enough revenue comes in to support it. Therefore, while I don't know how they have their General Fund cash fund separated, it is my understanding in discussing with them this issue that it is strictly a cost provided assessment.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Are the motor vehicle licensing requirements of the State of Nebraska any more restrictive than those of any other state? Are the standards any higher?

SENATOR BEREUTER: As far as motor vehicle operating license is concerned?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Typically, they are not today. There was once an argument, perhaps, for the situation as we now have it but most of the surrounding states, and as a matter of fact, practically every state in the Union has upgraded their procedures so substantially that there no longer is a fear on the part...