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for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendment. All those in favor...excuse me, Senator Kahle, you have your light on.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I might have a question of Senator Higgins. I guess being a country boy I don't exactly understand how the towing process works. If...let's say I leave my car in a no parking area or leave it too long or something in Omaha or anywhere else where they do towing, and then let's say the metermaid comes around and notices that I am overparked. She then writes the ticket, does she not?

SENATOR HIGGINS: That is correct.

SENATOR KAHLE: Then how does this work with the towing? Does that ticket go along to the person that does the towing? I understand here in Lincoln, for instance, it is a private company that does the towing and I imagine that is the way it is most places.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Right.

SENATOR KAHLE: I guess what I am trying to get at is, is there a sequence that has to be followed, and following up a little bit on what Senator Beutler was worried about so that there isn't some unofficial person cannot get that car towed away, it has to be a police officer or metermaid and the ticket goes with it, is that the process?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Normally, Senator Kahle, what they do is they leave the ticket on the windshield in Omaha. I can't speak for all the other political subdivisions. The metermaid might ticket it for being in a loading zone or a handicapped zone or no parking area and then probably in about an hour when they go back around their beat, if that car is still there, then they will call for a tow truck but a police officer has to be there to authorize the tow truck, and as I said before, this takes a highly trained skilled individual to stand around and wait as long as it takes. In this instance only those specifically empowered by an ordinance to act would be the ones to do it.