

wrongly is really a very unfair situation. So for that innocent individual, this bill would allow them to receive back their money that they put up and lost. So, that's really all the bill does and I would ask for your support.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is the advancement of LB 773. All those in favor, vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 773 advances. LB 697.

CLERK: 697 offered by Senator Higgins. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 4 of this year, referred to the Public Works Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 697 is a very simple bill that merely authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to accept cash, certified check or money order in lieu of a surety bond whenever someone has to appeal a decision of the Director of Motor Vehicles to a district court. I learned last session that an individual constituent of mine was appealing the loss of his driver's license and his attorney asked me if I would give the Department of Motor Vehicles \$200 cash as he was unable to get a bond. The reason being, I guess, that the time was too late; bonding companies are not fond of writing these small \$200 bonds. I was amazed to find out that the Department of Motor Vehicles would not accept cash. They would only accept a bond. So I thought, my goodness, here the State of Nebraska is saying the only thing we take is a bond; cash is no good. The State of Nebraska is missing out on the interest they could make on this. At the same time, it's very inconvenient to these young people and older people who have to make appeals on loss of their licenses. And at the same time, many times, when you go to post a