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simplify the process of requiring tonnage stickers on certain commercial and farm vehicles. And it also addresses more clearly in statute where license plates need to be placed on vehicles, upon which there is only required to be placed one license plate. The primary aim of this bill, quite frankly, is to save some money. The issuance of the extra tonnage stickers...because there really isn't any change in the chart for registration for the various tonnages. For example, a three ton or a seven ton or a ten ton commercial is the same charge, just wouldn't require any...wouldn't provide for any tonnage sticker lower than ten tons on a commercial vehicle or lower than sixteen tons on a farm licensed truck. There is an amendment that goes to a language in this that I would ask now that the Chair of Transportation Committee would address, Madam President. That's my opening.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Kristensen to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. And...the bill as Senator Coordsen has explained it has been very accurate. The committee amendment does three things. First of all, it clarifies the fact that if you're going to issue a license plate and there's only one issued and they're going to trailers or cabin trailers, that those be placed on the rear of those particular items and that...it's a matter of common sense that if you have a trailer, you don't want to put the plate on the front of it, so we just make sure it's clear that it's on the back. The second part is that there was a term in the original bill of "power unit". Now, most of us know what a power unit is, however, "power unit" is not defined in statute. The committee adopted a substitute wording of motor vehicles, and that does have a statutory definition and adequately covers what we need to do. The third item is that if you have a Cornhusker spirit plate or a message plate, that they must have tonnage stickers as well to conform with the changes that Senator Coordsen proposes, and this amendment just applies to all the plates that we have and makes it consistent. And I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Are there any discussions of the committee amendments? Seeing none. Senator