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amendments is whether food establishment inspection reports will remain public documents. Currently, these inspection forms are expressly declared a public document in a provisions of the Food Service Code. Since the new '95 Food Code supersedes the Food Service Code, LB 199 deletes all reference to that code. However, this provision is specifically excluded from the provisions of the '95 Food Code adopted by reference. As you may be aware, the Nebraska media have fought to gain access to these inspection reports and periodically publish the information. We had a witness at the hearing who expressed concern with...that without an explicit declaration in the bill, the inspection report are...that these reports are public documents, they could conceivably be withheld under exclusions contained in the Public Records Act. So the committee amendment, therefore, adds a provision at the end of section 61 reinstating the relevant language from the Food Code so that it is clear that inspection reports are intended to be public documents. The second part of the committee amendments pertain to the requirement to warn customers of the dangers of undercooked food. The committee amendment essentially exempts intact beef steaks when ordered rare by the customer. The purpose of the warning was meant by the Food Code to apply to ground or what you call commutated foods. In other words, foods which are mixed or mingled in a way that would distribute surface bacteria throughout the food. Serving whole steaks effectively kills any surface bacteria, and therefore the warning...I'm sorry, searing whole steaks effectively kills any surface bacteria, and therefore the warning unnecessarily raises concerns about safety. The committee simply felt that it was somewhat insulting to the intelligence of the consumer and unnecessarily incriminating to the restaurateur to require an unneeded warning. Finally, the amendment replaces the term "sodium nitrate" with the term "sodium nitrite" to refer to the correct term for the preservative referred to in section 52. This is a drafting error that was brought to our attention by the Department of Agriculture. The bill itself provides Nebraska with an update of the Federal Food and Drug Administration Federal Food Code. One of the things I wanted to talk to you especially about is it establishes a new fee structure setting out a fee schedule based on inspection and monitoring difficulty. Annual inspection fees, now these are for restaurants and public eating institutions, are increased