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National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Type Evaluation Program. What this means is that the department be allowed to conduct prototype testing of new devices presented for a certificate of conformance. Under current law, all new devices which are being placed into service are required to be typed, evaluated, and hold a certificate of conformance under the National Type Evaluation Program. This means that the device must go through a series of tests and meet other requirements which ensure the device is capable of providing accurate weights. This will not bring the needed...this will not bring the need for additional General Funds. The bill also contains the clean-up language to clarify the ability of the department to check scanning systems to verify the accuracy of prices and the quantity of the product being sold. There is no anticipated fee increase and there should be no additional cost to the industry as a result of the bill. I would urge your support in advancing to Select.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (See AM0107 on page 397 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SENATOR DIERKS:** The committee amendments eliminate the authority of the Director of Agriculture to arrest persons violating the Weights and Measures Act. The arrest power has not been used for at least 20 years and is viewed by the committee as excessive and unnecessary. The director does maintain the authority to obtain a restraining order or a temporary or permanent injunction when a violation of the act is occurring or is about to occur, so this shouldn't be viewed as a ticket to begin wrongful activity. I would urge your support of the amendment, and then the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Debate on the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Dierks, I'd like to...I confess, I missed a little bit of your opening, so maybe you spoke to this. But on page 23, which is not the committee amendments, the green copy, I don't think you've amended that in this amendment, about the establishment of an authorized laboratory under the National Institute of