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CLERK: Read.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The amendment has already been explained by Senator Kennedy to Senator Whitney and I don't think it requires any further explanation.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the amendment. All those in favor of the amendment proposed by Senator Schmit say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered. The amendment is adopted. Senator Schmit what's your pleasure with the bill now as amended?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move the bill be advanced from General File as amended.

SPEAKER: The motion is to advance LB 101 as amended. Is there any need for further discussion? All those in favor of advancing LB 101 as amended to E & R Initial vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Voting on the advancement of LB 101 as amended. Have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, 22 not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. That moves us back to the General File consideration of LB 128 and I believe there is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the title has been read and the committee amendments have been adopted and the Stromer amendment has been adopted and there is presently pending a motion by Senator Waldron to indefinitely postpone LB 128.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would ask this body to indefinitely postpone LB 128 for the following reasons: it has been attempted in this body over the last few years to require a photograph or a color photograph upon our driver's license. We must remember a driver's license is only issued for one purpose and one purpose only. That is to identify to any person who might have authority to stop you while you are driving a car whether or not you are licensed in the state of Nebraska to drive an automobile. That is the only purpose of a driver's license. I don't believe the State Patrol has any problem or the police officers have any trouble with trying to figure out when they stop someone if the person has a valid driver's license in possession. If that is a problem, then I suggest with driver's license with a picture on it or a colorphoto, it will also be the same problem because if someone can buy a false driver's license, they will be able to do so under any system that you might provide. Also, let me point out that this bill if it is passed will cost the people of the state of Nebraska over \$300,000.00 each year. Now if there is some place we can think about cutting expenditures for the citizens of Nebraska, it is certainly in the area that's so frivolous as to require color photos on a driver's license. The main people I think that probably will benefit from this bill are the liquor dealers where they can check people entering their establishment to see whether they are old enough to buy liquor and let me say, the driver's license is not intended and never has been intended as a means of identification and I hope that we never in this Legislature adopt the attitude that our driver's license is going to become an identification to show that we are a citizen of the state of Nebraska and have right to the citizen of the state of Nebraska and I would hope we would never go in to such an endeavor. But the main factor here and I think one of the things that the--I think that the Governor took into account last year when he vetoed it is the cost to the Nebraska people. When you think of spending \$300,000.00 a year, think what you could do to that with some other more vital projects in this state. Also, when you think about what you are spending