

I think some very good questions were raised earlier about the possible arbitrariness of a provision like this. A driver's license has been established to be a privilege and not an absolute right. Nevertheless, if it is a privilege, it should be bestowed on everybody under the same circumstances. So there are rules and regulations established by law which determine under what conditions a person can obtain a driver's license, but when you draft a bill like this, you are changing the game and placing whether or not a person continues to carry a license into the hands of an individual judge who, as has been pointed out, may have certain feelings against a particular individual and decide to create a hardship that would not be created on others. This that we are talking about is not really a driver's license, it is a piece of paper. It could be created or manufactured by anybody who chose to go to the trouble of obtaining a Xerox machine, a facsimile of a license and doing this particular kind of thing, but even if that did not happen, there are people who leave the State of Nebraska in their vehicles. It would mean that to all intents and purposes a judge could determine that some people would not have legal authorization to drive their car anywhere outside this state. These are just a few of the problems that would exist with reference to a piece of legislation like this, and unless I see considerable support for the bill, that would be the extent of my remarks. I do want it to be clear that I am opposed to this bill. I think it was ill-conceived, poorly drafted and not full consideration given to the ramifications of it. I think those members of the Judiciary Committee who voted in favor of the bill, it was some time ago, should give to the body the reasons they had for supporting a piece of legislation like this, a piece of legislation which I would describe as pernicious.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any other discussion on the bill? Senator Cope, your light is still on, do you wish to be recognized? If not, Senator Nichol, what do you wish to do with the bill?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I move to advance LB 374.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor of advancing LB 374 to E & R for review vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Marvel voting aye.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of 374 to E & R for review. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.