

they are using our highways and they get arrested. And at the time they get arrested the arresting officer simply gives them a citation citing them for their particular offense whether it be speeding or reckless driving or what have you and that citation directs them to appear at a time and date and place to enter a plea and they will either plead guilty or they will plead not guilty or they will plead no contest. And when they enter that plea, if they do plead guilty, of course they will be fined. If they plead not guilty, they will be given a second time to appear to defend themselves. Now unfortunately a tremendous number of Nebraskans who otherwise are very law-abiding people fail to appear. They get those citations from the arresting officer for speeding or for reckless driving or what have you and they are directed to appear in the court three or four weeks later to enter their plea and they simply fail to appear. Now, this bill says that when a person fails to appear, the court itself may then send the notation of the failure to appear to the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The director of the Department of Motor Vehicles will then send a certified letter to the fellow who was arrested or the woman who was arrested and say, hey, you got 20 days, you got 20 days to go and appear in court and make your peace and if you fail to do that, we're going to revoke your drivers license, we're going to take away your drivers license. And then after the 20 days runs the Department of Motor Vehicles sends a second letter pursuant to this bill which says, this is to advise you, we have just taken away your drivers license. Now, what can the individual then do once his or her drivers license is taken away? Well they can go to court and they can make their peace. They can go to court and then can make their peace and once that is done they simply send \$25 to the Department of Motor Vehicles for reinstatement of the drivers license. That's the bill. This particular system is in place right now with respect to Nebraskans who commit a highway offense in Iowa or South Dakota or Kansas or some other state and they get a citation with a direction to appear and they fail to appear. What then happens is that those sister states send those citations to our Department of Motor Vehicles and our Department of Motor Vehicles goes through the same process I just outlined and ultimately jerks that individual's drivers license. Now the reason this system is in place right now is because Nebraska participates in an interstate compact and the interstate compact on highway uses and drivers licenses calls for this system to be in place. And again