

out to me that while carrying this type of a license plate might give an element of protection to a person that's handicapped that has a problem out on the highway, but it was pointed out to me by some people in the department that there have been records of a person that is handicapped to this extent that he's in trouble that there have been those who have taken advantage of him and robbed him so it could cause him more problems than help him. I only want to point this out to you.

SPEAKER: Now, Senator Kelly, did you wish to be heard? We actually still are speaking about the Whitney amendment as amended by Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and Members of the body, I just want to re-state the position I had before on this bill. The importance of it in my mind is a precedent setting procedure in allowing user taxes to be forgiven. I don't approve of it, I approve of the paraplegic plates, I approve of the State possibly absorbing the cost of the manufacture of the plates but I do not approve of the forgiving of the user tax for highways, etc. etc.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Syas. We actually have another amendment up here too, Keyes' amendment.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask a question on this.

SPEAKER: Go ahead.

SENATOR SYAS: This license plate would be free, right? Now, didn't the other day, didn't we pass a bill or debate a bill as I recall, to allow Soil Conservation Districts to give free license plates or something along that line?

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARSTENS: Senator Syas, I have been, I was guilty, I was the guy who introduced the bill, I'm trying to think of the number now, I can't think, 108 or 109, I don't know if it passed yet or not. It went off select file. I have had second thoughts about this. I introduced that for the Natural Resource District. Now it comes about that others are now asking for exemption, other governmental agencies. I'm beginning to wonder, Senator Nore had one of the tax erosion license plates exemptions, I think libraries and I think what we maybe ought to do is to take a look at the whole thing and put them all back, school districts and everybody. All we're doing, seemingly can't stop it, when you exempt one, it's just like a hunting and fishing license, that's why I have so much objection to exemptions in hunting and fishing licenses. You try to do something for one but then that other group just say, well you gave it to him now, we're just as worthy and, I'm not defend'ng myself, Senator Syas, but I did introduce that.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I didn't expect you to because I didn't even know you introduced the bill. What I'm getting at is just about the line of what you talked about, there was no criticism intended towards you because I didn't know who had the bill, but what I'm getting at, we talk about the domino theory or erosion and this is what we're doing. Now, here, this is free and I favor it, but I imagine that the transit company and everybody else that's government is going to come in for free licenses. Now, they already have, Senator Nore says; well, I do agree that we've got to draw the line someplace. Now, I'm going to vote for this one free unless we retract some of the other ones that were, then take them all back, because this thing, you cannot say some are free and some are not. Now we either, we can go along ways on this thing; boy, to granting free licenses. Now we, we, this Legislature has to come down to the point where we're going to give free ones or we're going to charge and I think