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you are going to pay twenty dollars per year for tires. That would contribute to the extra cost which is caused by studded tires, and I really believe that this would reduce the number of studded tires used in this state, but anybody who really feels that they still have to use it for a variety of reasons then they will pay their share for the extra cost. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to speak on the amendment? I warn you that there are less than ten minutes left.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, I will try to be very brief. The problem we have with the George amendment, and this is one of the ideas that I first came up with, Senator George, and I kind of liked it myself when I originally thought of it...the problem with it is simply this. It's that people won't buy their studded snow tires in the state of Nebraska, they will go to other states. Administratively it will be a nightmare. There will be all kinds of problems and difficulties in proving it, and the sticker system that Senator George proposes is not going to deal with that or make it any simpler. The other problem is simply this, that it will reduce even further the use of studded snow tires. We have approximately ten percent use of studded snow tires today. This will reduce it even further. But the problem with studded snow tires is that with about a five percent use of studded snow tires there still is tremendous wear done to the roads and that wear coupled with salt and other factors tends to be very costly. So, you know, the difference between five percent and ten percent, the reduction that would result from the taxing proposal that Senator George provides would not be of any great benefit to the roads. It would be an administrative nightmare. It would be difficult at best. It sets up a large bureaucracy, and for that reason I think we ought to continue with the approach that every other state has used and that is the banning of studded snow tires.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Shall debate cease? Shall debate cease? Shall debate cease? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: While we are checking the rules on cease debate, in the north balcony it is my privilege to recognize forty-six 4th Graders from Morley School and their teachers, Sandra Quathammer and Barbara Johnson. Will you raise your hands so

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