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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hannibal would move to amend the Rod Johnson amendment. (Read the Hannibal amendment as found on page 1910 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, I originally proposed an amendment to do exactly what Senator Johnson, et al, are doing and so when I found out what they were trying to do, I just put my amendment to theirs. What my amendment is doing is if you see the license plate that Senator Johnson passed out, at the bottom where he has Scottsbluff printed, his amendment would be to have that stamped on. My amendment to his amendment would not have that stamped on. That would be a decal strip similar to what we have right now on our license plates that update the years. Now the purpose of that is to strictly save money. If you take that Scottsbluff on the picture you have in front of you, off of the stamping process and put that on with a decal, then you no longer have to do anything towards the counties throughout the state in the manufacture of the license plate. You manufacture this license plate one time for the whole state, send them out to the counties in the numbers that they need, send them their decals that say Scottsbluff, Box Butte, Lancaster, whatever, they put that decal on. What we do is we save printing the overage for each county that we would have to stamp out if these things are raised letters. Now I have been in touch with the Fiscal Office and to try to find out what kind of money we could save, and I have also been in touch with Holly Jensen and they can agree that they can't determine how many plates they could save, but they do agree that we could save the number that we would have to print. The figure that was tossed around at one time was as much as ten percent, but they could not verify that. Now if we are talking about saving ten percent of the 2.6 million plates, we are talking about saving 260,000 plates and that means we could save \$260,000. Then for the cost of the decal, they came up with a rough estimate of around ten cents a decal. You might have to add in about fifty thousand back. I think that is a little high based on the four cent figure we have for the decal we are getting printed right now. But the possibility is good that we could save \$200,000 on this thing. That is the only reason why I am pushing for it. If you are really trying to do what Senator Vickers and Senator Beyer said earlier and we adopted earlier to try to get out of the advertising business, to try to use these plates for identification and tagging without being in the advertising