

to oppose Senator Kristensen's amendment, though with not a whole lot of force. I think this particular amendment with the prestige plate is a tad bit misunderstood by the body. I certainly don't have those sort of license plates. I think prestige plates is not the right terminology to call them, but the simple effort in trying to make those plates more available to people and more available to Joe Lunch Bucket, if I can use that term without getting chastised, you know is something where you want more people to do and it may raise the state money. So I guess I think it is one of those things, because of the label "prestige" it's...I guess it has been, the body has been accused of pandering to the rich under this measure, and I guess I think that's a little misunderstood, and for that reason I'll probably oppose the amendment, though it is no big deal, though it is a potential revenue source that we are saying no to, and I guess that concerns me a little bit. The other overall discussion about these, if you want to call them taxes, if you want to call them hidden taxes, if you want to call them, whatever you want to call them, the basic philosophical discussion this body needs to have today, and needs to have a lot more of in the years to come, because what 1092 is attempting to do is, yes, some could argue that call it a hidden tax increase if you want, what it is is trying to finance that particular agency with those citizens of the State of Nebraska who use it. Now, obviously, you can argue, well, the General Funds should pay for that, and if you want to do all these things, let's have the General Fund pay for it, I guess the problem is that there are some things the General Fund is just bursting at the seams. And this is one particular agency that, with good reason with comparable fees, to other states, at least, could be cash, totally cash funded, and I guess that is why I don't have a big problem with the bill. It is one of those things, I think we need to look more at these things because the fact is there is no user fee for education. There is no way we can tap into that group and have them pay for themselves. There is no user fee to levy on mental retardation. There is no way to do that. There is no user fee to fund Medicaid programs with. Those are the things that have to fund from General Fund. I mean those things are going to have to continue to come from the General Fund. And by targeting an agency like this that has a logical fee source, and can have a competitive fee structure, I guess I don't necessarily apologize for that. I know it is one of those things that nobody likes to do, but on the other hand, if you are not willing to do it this way, you certainly have to be willing to cut on the other end maybe yet this session, or maybe