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lines in that law, in that statute, and the problem would have been solved. That amendment was supported by the car dealers which evidently brought this amendment to Senator Haberman. It was heard by committee. It was agreed to by committee. There were other things that were involved in this issue that were also included in LB 946 but the simple amendment which deals with the particular problem of unconstitutionality which is now being litigated in Omaha could have had a solution that didn't need to go through this whole process. What we are seeing here, and, Mr. Speaker, you have taken a lot of leadership on this problem of time constraints, is an example of why we have trouble passing decent legislation in this body. We have a solution to a problem. We have a bill that addresses that problem. We have some time constraints that lead to irrational action I think by an individual and by members of this body in adopting that amendment and as a result we muck up the whole process. We have an amendment that does more damage than good and we have a solution that is lying there that easily could be taken up and dealt with and solve the problem but we don't do it that way. We do it the hard way. Why couldn't we have sat down and discussed this matter if there was a concern on the part of outside interest on this matter. We could have come up with an amendment on this bill and we could have handled the situation but instead we have got Senator Haberman up there and we have got members of this body talking about this change that we didn't need to make, that another change would have been a more appropriate one, and we are taking up time. This is an important issue. That is true, it is important. We are talking about unconstitutionality in the motor vehicle inspection law but it is not important enough to just waste the time we have in the past hour or so that we have been debating this. It is just plain silly I think and I think it is a poor action on the part of this body. We should not have adopted the Haberman amendment. We shouldn't have taken that action. We should not have subverted the process that we have adopted for this Legislature and as a result I think any damage that we can do to delay this bill and that sort of activity I think is proper because I think it shouldn't be condoned and supported. I don't think we should allow that sort of activity on this floor. There are better ways to deal with legislation. There are better ways to deal with these problems. Now the motion to rerefer is probably not necessary. If this would have been handled properly, the bill as LB 743 is constituted is a good bill. As it is amended, it is a bad bill and I think it ought to be rereferred but there are other bills

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