

least, because we went to staggered time for issuing of plates. There was a representative for the County Treasurer at the hearing from Lancaster County. There may have been more but because of time that was the only one as well as the lobbyist for the Association of County Officials expressing some opposition to the amendment partly because they felt they would have to store plates but that is a problem of staggered issuance of plates for a long period of time. There is the problem if you get your same number back and if it is in a county that has four or five places to issue, I suppose there could be some confusion as to which location you would go to to get the number that you wanted, although I would think that could be handled. But what the bill does and all it does is it does spell out a procedure if the plates are printed over a couple of years that you can get your own number back and that you use a sticker until such time as the number that you want specifically is printed. Part of the problem, and I think this is the first time we have issued new license plates since the staggering of issuing plates went into effect, and I think the problems that we are going to have the first year of that will not necessarily be a continuing problem because if you have...if it has developed that your plate comes up in August or September or some other later time, it is only this first year that there is some confusion. So I am in support of the committee amendment. I think it is prudent to allow an individual to get back their own number because a great many people do want to do that, others could care less, but it does set up a procedure for that to happen. This amendment will not address a whole host of other issues that are involved around the issuance of license plates, perhaps that could more appropriately be handled in other bills, but it does address the single issue of being able to get back your own number if you so wish to do so. So I would move adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker, the Chair would like to recognize that over the weekend Tom Vickers, Senator Tom Vickers, had one of those days recognizing another year added to his life. So we say, "Happy Birthday to Tom", and I believe there are going to be some cupcakes distributed, right Tom, in recognition of that additional year. Congratulations. And the Chair would also like to introduce some distinguished guests to our Legislature. I believe they are under the north balcony, ten members of the Parliament of Ghana. They are guests of the Lincoln Mayor's Committee for International Friendship, United States International Communication Agency.