

requirement, people are not required to go to one specific office and we are not...we don't say, we don't take your application unless you live in this geographical area. Somebody from South Omaha can go to North Omaha or downtown, or Westroads, Crossroads, anywhere they want to go to get these license plates. Now the situation is that they have got to when they come in and they apply for their old license back, they have got to take and pull that license and put that on special order. Now, if that person comes back to that office they may, in fact, be able to get those plates. They are going to have to have a big filing system. They are going to have to hold it for a long time and it's going to create all kinds of problems in terms of that...of those plates. Now, frankly, we have a situation here where we are trying to provide a convenience. Basically, we are giving prestige plates...prestige plates to every person who would desire them and want them at a cost to the taxpayers of approximately in Douglas County alone of \$100 thousand. You would have to add quite a number of new employees. You would have to have filing arrangements, etcetera, etcetera, and, frankly, people are going to use their old license plates for one more year while you are waiting for the special order of the new license plates. I think we can deal with prestige license plates as we have in the past. You have to pay an extra fee and you get prestige license plates. If you want a number...a specific number and so forth, you have to apply and you have to pay a fee for that. But to provide these prestige license plates to everyone is a cost that I don't think the taxpayers of Douglas County or the taxpayers of most counties in this state are willing to pay. It is a little inconvenience to remember a new number, but it is a preferable inconvenience than paying the additional cost. So with that in mind I stand per instructions from my county treasurer to oppose LB 155....the amendment to 155.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I oppose this specific amendment. There are ways that actually we could change our total system of license plates that would be economical, but we have resisted those to hold onto the county identification and, frankly, without this amendment probably the great majority of people in the State of Nebraska can get the same number they have had if that's...and it is an important thing to a lot of people, so I don't think we can minimize that. It is going to create a lot of additional expense