

to the counties, number one. Number two, it seems to me that we sort of solved this problem when we initiated the prestige plate concept. Rather than put the burden of expense on the taxpayers so that somebody gets the markings they want on their license plate, rather than put that expense on the taxpayers for a hundred bucks or whatever it is, they can have a prestige plate with whatever they want on it. Now, that makes a lot of sense to me. If a certain character is that important to somebody, well, so be it, let them pay for it, and that's fine, and it may be well worth it to them to pay for it. But to put the pride of a certain type of character on the taxpayer generally just doesn't make good economic sense to me and it isn't even good philosophy. So I think that this amendment that would create cost for the benefit of a very few and that benefit is a little bit of ego enhancement, that isn't enough justification or rationale to put additional cost on taxpayers.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to take this opportunity to introduce some guests of Senator Marsh, some fifty students from May Morley School. They are up here in the north balcony with their teachers, Miss Tuning and Turner. Would they kind of wave down here to the Legislature, and welcome to your Legislature, May Morley. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't know whether I am for or against the amendment because I haven't had a chance to find out. My only purpose in rising is that I think this should have a hearing so that those of us who are a little ways away from our treasurer and assessor and county commissioners would have a chance to at least visit with them or make a phone call to them to see if it creates a problem. I don't think it is a problem with most of the counties in the state because of the small volume of license plates handled and ordinarily the treasurer and assessor handle it so that you can have your license plate renewed with the same number as you had the previous year. But if it should cause a great problem in larger counties, I wouldn't want to be a part of it to create a problem if it is a problem. So I think we should probably have a hearing on this rather than just going ahead without a hearing.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question then is, shall debate cease on the