

You can read the statements. What I am providing with these amendments is very specific, clear cut national standards for reflectorization that it has to meet. 4.5 candle power, 800 feet and so on. If we are going to have competitive bidding, then bid against a specific standard. Do that and we will continue to maintain a pretty good license plate I think. I urge you to adopt the amendment and I will give Senator Clark one better option. I will drop my amendments, drop any opposition to the bill, if he can clearly prove to me the \$2 million saving because this was the thing I was seeking to support. However, the study I have done indicates that we are not talking about \$2 million, we are not talking about \$1 million, we may be talking about additional money but the most that could ever be proved would be very minimal. In the Governor's budget message in the Journal, you can look this up, Sixth Day, January 14, 1981, "Replacement of our current Bicentennial issue of state motor vehicle license plates is necessary. I recommend a \$280,000 deficit appropriation in this fiscal year and 2 million dollars next fiscal year. This will permit the start of production so new license plates can be issued beginning January 1, 1982, as currently provided by law." Now you say you are going to save \$2 million. The total cost that the Governor has put in here for reflectorization and everything is about what, \$2,880,000. I don't know how you are going to save the \$2 million. The information I get you are going to have to go to an aluminum license plate and I think some people here in the room may have some additional information on that. All my amendments do, I repeat, is put standards. Why any bidder, if you want competitive bidding, would be afraid of specific standards that they have to meet, I can't imagine. I urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The names that we have here are those who wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment and the first one is Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would urge you to reject the DeCamp amendments. The overall effect of the DeCamp amendments would be simply to go back to the old system of requiring bids on fully reflectorized plates only. That is the sum and substance of the amendment. The first part of his amendment has to do with candle power per plate which has to do with brightness. Well, brightness is only part of the question. The real question in part is legibility. Can you identify the numbers? Can the State Patrol identify the numbers? Not just how bright it is. In fact the brightness, the bright background of the fully reflectorized plates causes them to be less legible than the beads-on-paint because the numbers and the letters do not stand out. So requiring high candle power or high