

is covered up with dust film and you can't tell it is reflectorized anyway. I think the whole issue of reflectorized plates is rather dumb, personally. That is what we have got reflectors on the backs of vehicles for. There are laws that say they have to be there. Taillights have to be there. Since when do we depend on the license plate to tell whether a vehicle is parked along the road or not. Out in rural Nebraska you certainly can't because it doesn't reflectorize that much. I certainly agree with Senator Haberman. The issue we are talking about here is competitive bidding. If we are going to have reflectorized plates, which as I say I am not that great a fan of, then for goodness sakes, let's let everybody bid on it. Let's make them as cheap as possible. I didn't realize the taxpayers of this state had an unlimited source of funds. Senator DeCamp wants to extend the distance from five hundred foot to eight hundred foot. That is rather strange. Are we going to increase the speed limit then enough so that it takes that extra three hundred foot to get stopped? No. No, we are not going to do that. So what is the reason for raising that? Well, obviously, there is one reason and that is to make the standards so that certain individuals cannot meet them, therefore won't be able to bid. I think another thing is rather strange in the handout that Senator DeCamp handed out. They say the total cost of savings is not two million dollars, it is much less. It is only about 3¢ per plate. It is only \$384,000 for a six year period or \$60,000 per year. If it is such a little amount, then why are these people afraid of bidding on the open competition with the other companies? If it is only 3¢ per plate, can't they eat it up? Can't they go ahead and bid if they really want the bid? That is not the issue. The issue is they don't want competitive bidding. They want bidding when they are the only ones that can meet it. They also list a whole list of people that manufacture this equipment, reflectorized sheeting. I seriously doubt that. If that is the case, why aren't some of these other companies in here lobbying? How's come it is only 3M? I oppose the DeCamp amendment in case you couldn't tell.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I only have a short presentation to make. I am not an expert on the reflectorization or which is the best process for license plates. I am going to leave that up to the experts but the sheriffs from my community or the community of Buffalo County participated in the tests that were made at the Central Technical Community College at Hastings and was quite impressed, very impressed, in fact, with the reflectorized letters and numerals process which he and his deputy, Neil Miller, this is Sheriff Frank Dineen who served on the Safety Patrol of Nebraska for some 28 years and is now the Sheriff of Buffalo County. This man I consider an expert. He has been at it a