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hundred feet. I am suggesting eight hundred as a compromise. 4.5 candle power. Why 4.5 candle power? It is a minimum, a reasonable minimum. You want specs or standards, I am offering just national federal standards. 4.5 candle power has been determined to be the minimum, minimum, brightness required to qualify as a safety plate, and supposedly that is what we are doing, safety plates. This is from the Society of Automotive Engineers. But anyway to the bottom line, the bottom line. I told Senator Clark, and I repeat it, I told him you prove you can save two million dollars, I will support your bill immediately because I don't believe it can be done. I haven't seen one single figure to document even one penny savings, not one. I have heard everybody ranting and raving ,we are going to save money. Prove it to me. I give you at least statistical evidence or something, national standards, and all you do is scream about 3M having a monoply when anybody can bid on this who wants. It is an emotional thing, and as you know, both sides have been heavily lobbied and I think some of it is a reaction to individuals, some of it is a reaction to they think they are getting the big guy, some of it is a reaction to Senators. All I am suggesting is you look at the evidence, bid on one set of specifications, whatever they may be, and have them reasonable according to national standards. I doubt that these very minimum national standards could be met by the plate that we will get, that we are going to call a safety plate. I doubt that they would meet onethird of it. I urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House, Senator DeCamp has closed on his amendment, the motion before the House is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to LB 290. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? One last time, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 23 nays on the motion to adopt the DeCamp amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I move that LB 290 be advanced to E & R Initial. They have had their day in court here. They cannot set their own standards. I think the Legislature has spoken that they do not want one company to set a standard. You talk about apples and oranges. I am not talking about apples and oranges bidding at all. They can set up the standard