

that 3M has on one side and they can set up the beads-on-paint on the other side. That is all I am asking, for competitive bid on the two systems, and I would move the bill to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking on the motion to advance the bill to E & R for review. Senator Labedz, do you wish to speak on that motion?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Only very shortly. I had my name down for Senator DeCamp's amendment but evidently I didn't get to speak but I am in opposition to changing from the product the state has used for fifteen years to do something that is not effective and a system that has been discarded by our own Department of Roads for safety signs. The Highway Department has experimented with beads-on-plates but because it lacked the quality of appearance, durability and effectiveness, they felt it wasn't a wise use of tax funds, and I believe that when you have a system that is working, why change to another. And Senator Kahle, I appreciated your remarks on Senator DeCamp's amendment because I neither am an expert on plates but in reading the handout that Senator DeCamp gave I want to again emphasize that they state it isn't unusual for the freezing and thawing action of wet film on beaded surface signs to break the beads loose from the sign surface. The wind borne material such as sand especially in the western part of the state can completely denude a beaded sign surface. It goes on to say that the beaded surfacing system is a bit cheaper than the reflective sheet in terms of durability, and hence shorter length of service, it is probably more costly than the sheeting material in the long run and, therefore, I oppose LB 290.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, Vard Johnson, do you have a session underneath the balcony now? Senator Kremer, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, I rise in support of LB 290 and I would like to give you a little background as to what has happened up to this point. The Public Works Committee has generally had the responsibility of dealing with motor vehicles and everything that went on them, the roads and so on. The issues of new license plates come up a number of times. Senator Warner on two different years came to the committee with a bill that would lengthen the life of our license plates for another year. That has happened for two years now. Now it is about time we have a new plate. Consequently, we began to looking at plates. What type of plate do we need? What is the purpose of the plate? So due to other responsibilities, I as Chairman of the committee divided the committee into subcommittees. Serving on this