

very beginning from their safety aspect, identification aspect. The head of the Patrol should have some involvement. Finally, the Attorney General, he is the one that says that what they are doing is legal or illegal and the proper way to do it. So, the amendment does the two things I mentioned. It corrects what I think is a technical error which makes a monopoly for Flex-O-Lite which I am sure Senator Clark did not intend and I'm sure it was an error, number one, and number two says there shall be competitive bidding and these people will draw the specifications. Now let me get to the heart of the matter. I decided after the debate last time when I kind of got whipped good, that possibly I wasn't getting the right information from either side. So I went to some people that have been involved in the past and tried to find out whether there really was a monopoly, and do you know what I found out? I found out there was but it is not for any of the reasons anybody ever thought or any of the reasons given. Bobby Clark with his bill does correct that. Now let me show you what the problem was. Back when we decided to design the license plates for the bicentennial, Senator Richendifer and a group that were on the Exec Board at that time, decided they were going to have the greatest license plates, Senator Carpenter was involved, that ever was. Now if you will read your bill you will see starting at line 23, they describe how this license plate has got to be. It has got to have a particular color. It has got to have all these things, the Indian on it, the lettering. The reason 3M ended up with a monopoly, if you want to use that word, wasn't because the reflectorized sheeting such as everybody has stated. The reason was they were the only company that had the graphic system that could print these particular things. Bobby Clark is eliminating those things. That ends any question of a monopoly. You are going to have a lot of people bidding on the reflectorized sheeting. So you are taking care of that. That was the real problem contrary to what we were all screaming at each other about, they were the only ones that produced reflectorized sheeting, not true. It was the graphics involved and I had to find this out by going back to some people who were involved at the time and delving into some things. With the bill, if you adopt this amendment, you are saying, the basic thing, goal, the Legislature is saying is what is in the statute, what he has got. You have got to have it last six years. That is the main goal and you can take your bids on beads or reflectorized sheeting, paper, cardboard, whatever, but it has got to last six years. So that pretty limits what you can do. And then it says, okay, Department of Motor Vehicles, okay, State Patrol, all you people that are