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SENATOR KOCH: Did you invite others that you know are in the business?

SENATOR CLARK: I have contacted everyone that has license plates or systems of license plates. Every company that I know of. There is ten of them.

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SENATOR KOCH: And the only people that really visited with you is Flex-O-Lite.

SENATOR CLARK: I don't know about that. I mean I contacted the people to find out if they could bid on the plates.

SENATOR KOCH: All right, thank you, Senator Clark. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I serve on Public Works and I will never forget that day when that hearing was held. You talk about a stacked deck of cards, that was stacked. There were three people paraded in there like, man, alive, we are going to overwhelm this committee and they virtually did with their media and everything else, great pictures. It was interesting last night when I was driving home at dusk, going to the same place most of you were but your bus was a little late. There was a car right ahead of me as I was heading into L Street where I turn off most of the time. It was a Michigan license plate and I see in Senator Clark's recent handout he uses Michigan as one of the examples. I turned my headlights on. I could hardly read those numbers until I got almost to within twenty feet of that in the car. That is Michigan. Now to get to the amendment. We need this first amendment regardless of what Senator Haberman says because Senator Clark just passed around another one. What is wrong with adopting the first part of the DeCamp amendments? Nothing. Nothing at all. But there again, see, there is some people so violently opposed to discussing 290 they just want to divide the question right now, which is all right, but for us to oppose that first section of this amendment is not reasonable. Secondly, before I complete my remarks here, Hruska said at one time, there is hardly anything that some man cannot produce and make cheaper and those individuals who seek price only or cost are his lawful prey. I happen to believe when you get in the business of license plates we ought to design the best license plates available in terms of durability, in terms of being able to see it as some device to put you on hold and our license plates are good. I was advised the license