

we have on this issue is just abominable. I just can't believe that we are taking the time that we are at this time. We have looked at this license plate issue now for this is the third year. Every year I have been down here we have looked at the license plate question and every year we can't seem to resolve it. I had thought perhaps a solution to this problem was let's delay for another year and the new license plates but that never seems to deal with the issue. We have had before us a question of two plates versus one plate. That was a couple years ago. The alpha numeric system was looked at as a change. The question came up this year about keeping old license plate numbers. We have talked now about the design of plates. We have talked about material of plates. Every imaginable issue involved with license plates has been brought to this body in the last three years and we spend innumerable amount of time trying to decide what we are going to do with an issue that really shouldn't take this sort of time but it has and it is just appalling to me that we are spending the time. I think the changes that Senator Clark has proposed are not necessary, that we could have easily gone ahead with the whole system as we have it. We had everything in place to let the bids and finally go ahead and take care of this and move ahead and now this has come up and we are spending the time we are on it. The study that was so carefully done in Senator Clark's estimation by the Public Works Committee is a farce. I was on that subcommittee. That subcommittee never met that I know of. We never decided anything in terms of favoring this bill or any proposal that I know of. The efforts to go to other states, although invited, I don't know of anybody who went other than Senator Clark and maybe a staff person and quite frankly, I think it was not a very unbiased study. I think it was a study based on Flex-O-Lite's ideas and if you are basing your decision on that study, you are basing it on some pretty faulty information I believe. So the whole affair at this time is a joke, I think and I am just concerned that we are spending the time and that you are getting information that I am not sure is very fair and I feel very upset with the fact that as a subcommittee member on that study I have been part of a recommendation to this body to do what this bill would entail and, in fact, I had nothing to do whatsoever in making that recommendation and I think that is not a very fair situation to put somebody in. So, my concern is I think we ought to kill the Clark bill but if we have to go ahead with something, Senator DeCamp has a compromise that seems reasonable.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.