

they would want that to happen. I really havne't any idea. I have nothing against 3M. I have nothing against their plate. The only thing I have against 3M plates is the cost of them. When you talk to Michigan, that is the only thing they have against them, it is the cost of them. When you can say we put out six million license plates in six years and you can save forty cents a plate according to the Iowa figures, the recent figures they have it is forty cents a plate cheaper. That is \$2,400,000 and that is the ones that Iowa gave us. I don't know whether they are correct or not but that is what Iowa says. So, the only thing I can say is, let's let the Motor Vehicle Department put out the specs the way they have put them out. They are qualified to do it, they will get them out right away and, as Senator Beutler said, I think maybe my trouble was that I found a way to save two million, three or four hundred thousand dollars. I should have found a way to spend that much money and probably have gotten forty votes. But I just happened to find a way to save that money and the way we are spending money and the crunch we are going to have on money, I think it is imperative that the people are allowed to save this kind of money. Now you talk about qualified license plates lasting. The specs say they have to last six years. I have seen them nine years old in Michigan. Colorado is five years now going to ten with the same plates. There is nothing wrong with the plates, nothing at all. You talk about plates being readable. I'll show you a lot of plates out in my country that certainly are not readable and I'll bet Senator Kahle could tell you the same thing where you have gravel out there, that you will see a lot of plates that are not readable today and that is legally not a fault of the 3M Company. It is the fact that they have been out there too long and have been exposed to gravel and weather. I am not castigating their plate. I am not trying to read them out of even bidding. I just want both systems' bid so we can save the money if it is possible to save the money. You are not going to know until you bid it. So I would certainly reject this particuiar amendment and let the Motor Vehicles Department go ahead and do the job. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch, you are next.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, here we go again back to the great cost we are going to make based upon Iowa's estimate. This is Nebraska. Senator Clark hasn't told you what all the Motor Vehicles Department estimated. They say it depends what kind of material you are going to use, whether it is going to be aluminum or whether it is going to be steel and aluminum is a little more expensive and there is only one way you