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plates issued. Of course, this would require a different number which may or may not be all right, but I would guess there is going to have to be the manufacture of a considerable number of new plates anyhow in the state if we decide not to completely renew our license plates, because many of them are not legible anymore and are hung... I think somebody said the other day his license plate was about six inches square now. So you know about how much is left of it. So I think it is high time we have some new plates in Nebraska. I am sure that many of us, many of you especially in this room where you don't drive out in the country and are not subject to the wind and the gravel and what have you, some grasshoppers perhaps, do not realize what does happen to license plates. I have license plates on one of my cars that you can't read, and on our trucks, as I said before, all you can tell is that there once was a license plate there. So I think it is high time that we get new plates and I am against the kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the kill motion on LB 290. I was a member of the Public Works Committee that dealt with this issue over the last interim and I think I have mentioned this before but when this subject first came up, I was astounded that the State of Nebraska spent as much money as it spends to make reflective license plates to start with because out in our part of the country when you get dust and dirt on them, you can't tell they are reflective anyway. It seems to me that the requirements that we have that reflectors, tail lights, reflective material, and various other things on vehicles are there for safety purposes, I am not sure that the license plates being reflective is that much of a safety benefit. I don't think that is the purpose of the license plates. The license plates are for identification. Therefore, I support Senator Clark's original intention to allow the reflective materials. If we are going to make them reflective, then I will go along with that although I am, as I say, I am not the greatest fan of it. If we are going to make them reflective, let's make sure that we allow the bidding procedures to process in such a manner that the cheapest possible method can be used whether it is fully reflectorized plates, whether it's beads on paint, or whatever, I don't think it makes any difference, and I think that is the intention of Senator Clark and I think that is the intention