

assigned a number. You can put a great big sign on your vehicle or a little bitty one. But if the State of Nebraska is going to furnish the plates, I think it is about time they furnished them because everybody doesn't leave their car in the garage five days a week and drive to town on...like we used to on Saturday to buy our groceries and then go to church on Sunday. Those vehicles go over some rough terrain and their license plates have been beat up for a couple of years already. We are out of compliance right now. I wish I would have brought some of our plates. I don't know whether they could get by a week without driving a vehicle or not, to see what shape they are really in. I don't think you understand what you are talking about. If Nebraska is going to have license plates that are legible, we surely can afford to provide new ones every five or six years. As big as the automobile and the truck industry is, and as important as it is to the state, and of all the people we pay for law enforcement in this whole State of Nebraska and we are quibbling over a couple million dollars, that's a lot of money, but compared to what we spend for the automotive industry and the truck industry and the law enforcement throughout the State of Nebraska it looks to me like the least we could do is provide some plates that they can read. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I would certainly urge you to vote against this one. We have done this twice before, and Senator Kahle put it very nicely. Of course, a lot of you people don't know what gravel is. We have 1400 miles of gravel in my one county, and I am telling you we have got licence plates that you couldn't read under any conditions on the front of these vehicles. The people expect license plates. They have been told that they will get new license plates in 1982. We are charging them the same amount of money whether they get license plates or get a sticker. People are sick of it. They are tired of it. They want a change on those license plates. We have got the oldest Bicentennial plates in the country. It's nice to be number one in football but we ought to at least keep up with the rest of the country when it comes to license plates. Some of these plates are just absolutely illegible out there today. The patrol complains about this type of plate but there is nothing you can do with it. There is not a thing you can do with it. If you are trying to save money, that is what this bill was brought up for originally. We put out about 600,000 license plates a year. You're talking about money, you are talking about