

that I incorrectly stated what I correctly thought that the amendment does correctly now extend the plates for one year and it was incorrect to have the word "seven" after "1982 plates to be issued every seven years". It was the intent that the language was every "six", and if all the corrections are made, I stand corrected.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The coincidence was, Senator Warner, we were just ready to call on you to explain your amendment which was changed and I thank you for your comments. Who is next? Senator Fowler. Senator Koch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I wish to apologize to the brilliant Senator Beutler. I did not mean to defame his character or his ability.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I would support the corrected amendment. I think that the question before us now is simply an appropriations question and that is, how do we want to spend \$1.3 million in the next year, which is about what it would cost in terms of the replacement of the plates. Now it seems to me that Senator Clark is talking about we must have the finest quality license plate in the State of Nebraska. That is a noble goal. That is something that certainly would be nice. But I think, as we are going to be reminded several times on this floor, funds are not unlimited, and that perhaps if we want to relieve counties of their cost of Medicaid at \$4 million, we may need \$1.3 million to do that. If we want to have a gymnasium at Chadron, we are going to need some money to do that. If we want to try and provide money for the Resource Development Fund, we are going to need \$1.3 million to do that. If we want to provide continued programs at Peru State College, we are going to need \$1.3 million to do that. The question is a question of priorities, and if we put a million dollars in license plates, then we are not going to be able to put that money some place else, unless perhaps that it is to be added onto the Governor's budget beyond what the level of appropriation is. Priorities are going to have to be set, and for myself I am afraid that license plates, new license plates, are not the highest priority. As this bill comes up every year, I find myself in parking lots looking at license plates...a strange thing to do perhaps, but the idea is simply to find out what is the quality of the plates currently in Nebraska. And I honestly do not think on any sort of science, not a