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Haberman amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment, and, Senator Haberman, the reason I do is because I feel that we need two plates on each vehicle. Several years ago it was only necessary to put one license plate on trucks that we had running up and down the road in Nebraska, and I happen to have a fleet of trucks. If we put the license plates on the back, they were muddy, the law enforcement people couldn't see the number of the plate or the tonnage license, or such. So they decided that we should put them in the front. So we put them in the front and we still had problems. I realize that you are trying to save several million dollars here and I think we should consider that. But more important, I think that our law enforcement people need to have the use of two plates, both on the front and the rear of a vehicle. Senator Haberman, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, if we just had one license plate, would we put it on the front or on the rear?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I am pretty sure we would probably put it on the rear, Senator.

SENATOR HEFNER: Does your amendment say this?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I think it does.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And if not, it would be a decision of the Motor Vehicle Department where to place it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I think Senator Vickers mentioned a number of cars pulling trailers, but even if a car isn't pulling a trailer, a lot of times the trailer hitch knob will extend up far enough on the bumper so that you cannot identify the license number on this. How would we handle this?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, because the trailer has a