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are getting along just fine and if their people couldn't arrest people and do their job with only one plate, I am sure they would change. States have tried to change but they like the one plate.

SENATOR COPE: That is enough. I will take my time now. Thank you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: That's all right, Senator Cope, I am glad to talk to you any time.

SENATOR COPE: Well, I think that is the decision right there. If I knew that it had the full approval of law enforcement, I would vote for it in a second. I voted a few minutes ago to save a million dollars by extending the life of the plate. I am glad I did and I would vote to save another million dollars or two, whatever it is, if law enforcement approved it. But that is the name of the game. We don't even need reflectorized plates, so I have been told by people in law enforcement. They are for identification, but if we need two for identification, I think we would be very foolish to settle for one plate.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle, would you like to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, this seems to be the morning to talk about license plates. Maybe it's well. I am still a little bit disappointed that we didn't settle this two years ago. But I am strongly in favor of having two plates, and I think the law enforcement officials I have talked to agree that it is a help to them, and as I said a bit ago in my little talk that we are trying to save a few bucks on license plates and then we...I don't know what the total budget is for the Safety Patrol in Nebraska, but it's enormous. You add to that every city in the state and their police force, every county and the sheriff's departments, if law enforcement can get any good from two plates, it looks to me like we are sure not saving any money. And if we aren't going to support these people and give them the tools they need, as I believe Senator Hefner said, we have already handicapped them to the point where sometimes they throw up their hands in despair and wonder what they are trying to do when they don't get backed by the public or by the courts or by the state. So, one thing I would like to say while I have the floor and what I am afraid is going to happen, we are going to argue this bill to death and then we are going to decide