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then. Since he likes to join the discussion, Senator Kahle, because of your concern for the interest of law enforcement, did any of these law enforcement agencies or groups give you any statistics that would show you how many crimes in Nebraska are connected with automobiles? This is not a facetious question by the way.

SENATOR KAHLE: The people that I talked to almost entirely deal with the traffic violations and that sort of thing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But not any major crimes, that they had stated.

SENATOR KAHLE: That is a part of it but identification of motor vehicles is what they are after.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kahle, have you ever heard of a situation where people would take one license plate off their car and put it on another car and have one license plate on each car and then if they get stopped they say, well, they didn't realize the other one was gone but they will get a replacement and then they go home and put the other one on the car so if they are stopped again they now have two license plates?

SENATOR KAHLE: I'm sure that all kinds of things have been tried.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, you are in favor of keeping that situation?

SENATOR KAHLE: No sir. Not by any means. I think if you have two plates, why we would have to have two plates on a car not just one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Kahle. Members of the Legislature, there is a practice by some people, unscrupulous people whereby they take one of their license plates and will put it on another car so that they don't have to pay the cost of getting the license plates for the car. Then what I stated to Senator Kahle in the form of a question is what they will do. If they are stopped they are usually not given a ticket on the spot, they are warned and then they go and put the plate back on the car that it belongs with. So if we have only one license plate, then you take away the possibility of a person licensing one car but using the plates on two. So I think what we ought to do is defeat Senator Maresh's motion to bring this back and perhaps let 290 be the first bill on Final Reading that actually