

has short of repealing outright the whole program, that I think would, number one, protect the general public from cars that are unsafe that, number two, decrease the difficulties that people have with the inspections and the inequities that are in the present system and nobody can deny the fact that there are inequities. I know it is going to be a very popular issue to stand up on this floor and berate the government and berate this program that is not fair to one and all and I will stand with you in the fact that there are improvements that need to be made but repealing the law outright leaves you with nothing. It leaves you with the junkers back on the street and leaves you with less protection than has ever been the case in the State of Nebraska for years and years and I certainly think that you can see from other states' experience and from the Nebraska experience that there is of some value in inspecting and eliminating those very dangerous, very junklike cars that are on the streets and highways of states that do not have any inspection program at all. So my proposal is this. I think that we should not advance the bill that we should vote against its advancement. I think that there is a need to take some more time with this. I thought that the bill was going to be held in committee. My feeling was the support was there in the committee to hold the bill, to spend some time on this issue because it is an important issue, to look at how we can improve the program and then take the steps necessary. What you are doing by repealing the bill, by repealing the program outright I think is a very radical step to take at this time and an unnecessary step to take at this time considering the alternatives that are presented to the state. We don't need to eliminate the program totally when we have the options that are available. I think that there will be an amendment proposed to have spot checks on the highways. Senator Vickers just mentioned that. It has been shown clearly from research in other states spot checks on the highway are not going to do anything. Quite frankly, I am going to oppose that amendment and I think you ought to as well. How can a state patrolman on an interstate or a highway in this state pull over somebody and just on the spot be able to do much in terms of inspection. They already have the right when they see a car going down the street that looks like it is not proper in not meeting the standards to see that they are pulled over and they can take action as it is. I think that there really isn't a need for an amendment on this and that the spot check idea is not one that is necessary at this time and will not really deal with the problem, the fundamental problem of identifying cars that are