

run it just a little bit better. I think we need more, we need better enforcement and of course that is going to cost a little more money but I think that we in state government or we as individuals should be willing to pay a little more for this service. The Highway Patrol does spot checks now. They can't do this on highly travelled highways but in the sparsely populated areas they can do these inspections and they do from time to time. Somebody mentioned that we drive our cars and trucks longer now and I think that we will continue to drive them longer, especially since the price on these vehicles has gone up. Another reason why we should keep it is because people just keep putting off things they should be doing and at least once a year you have to get your automobile or your vehicle inspected and if you don't, you get picked up by a law enforcement officer and are subject to a fine and, therefore, I think we ought to think this over a little bit more and perhaps keep the program, maybe have a study on it and see that our state agency enforces the law a little better.

SENATOR CLARK: There is a motion on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh moves to indefinitely postpone LB 35.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senator Vickers mentioned that there were some unscrupulous inspectors. If there are, we each have a responsibility to report it for that is against the law. We need to help make our system work. I also agree with Senator Vickers that some of our accidents are alcohol related and that continues to be a problem. He also mentioned that speed is involved in some of the accidents and I agree but that does not lessen the need for vehicle inspection. It is almost ironic that this body would suggest that our very busy overworked Highway Patrol officers should take on the additional duty of stop to check on windshield wipers. We ask them to do many things but this is not an economical use of our state dollars to have Highway Patrol officers add this to their long list of duties. One of the main reasons we need to continue our vehicle inspection is the item of mufflers. Mufflers is something that can slip by even a conscientious owner of a vehicle. A muffler can kill and the automobile does not need to be moving. It does not need to be involved with a second vehicle. It does not need to be involved in a property damage accident but often simply finding a faulty muffler can be a lifesaving item and it does not show up in the statistics. How many more persons