

might have died? How many more persons might have become ill? We don't have the kind of statistics to support that proposition. Oh, in theory we can talk about it but motor vehicle inspection has the opportunity to find the faulty mufflers and tailpipes, the equipment that is the silent killer on our motor vehicles. That automobile does not need to have the "accident" to be a health hazard. Perhaps we need to have that inspection every six months for persons like Senator Tom Vickers who do put many miles on their vehicle, not every year. But we certainly do not need to be moving in the direction to totally do away with vehicle inspection. The emergency clause was added to this bill. This is not a fair amendment to put on a proposed piece of legislation. Have you taken time to look in your green book? Have you looked at the individuals who came to support the bill or to oppose the bill? Are you aware that this is not an easy answer? Are you aware that persons who come from rural areas as well as persons who come from urban areas support the concept of inspection for the vehicles which are driven in our state? We will continue because of our economic situation to stretch the time we use our vehicles before they are replaced. That, it seems to me, is even more reason for continuing with a Vehicle Inspection Program. I am not here to tell you there are no problems with it but I am here to tell you that what we have is better than having nothing. I am here to remind you that there have been lives saved because among the things which are inspected is the muffler and the muffler system. The people of my legislative district overwhelmingly support an inspection program in this state. Very few are opposed and the introducer of the legislation talked about the multimillion dollars. The cost to an individual owner for each vehicle is less than five dollars. Perhaps it should be at the five dollar figure but it isn't. That is small enough investment in driving a vehicle which has some additional safeguards because it has been inspected. All drivers don't happen to be the age of the persons who are in this legislative body. Some drivers are the very young drivers who barely had enough money to buy a vehicle, much less, having to keep that vehicle in good driving condition unless the inspection is the push to get the needed repair done. Many persons differ on this issue but doing away with all inspection is not the way in my estimation to solve the problems which currently exist. The average person will try to abide by the rules that are available including that very young driver who saved his or her dollars to buy that rather ancient vehicle for transportation. Your safety and mine depends on having vehicles on the highways and parks and streets of our cities and