

done with integrity and the recommendation be brought to this body for further consideration.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would also like to speak against the advancement of the bill. You know back in '69 when we passed this legislation I assume we probably had as hardheaded a Legislature... wow...as hardheaded a Legislature as we have right now and I assume they did not like government regulation any better than we do now and I assume that they perceived some very significant problems in this state when they put an intricate system like this one into place. And I assume that the forty other states in this union who have some form of inspection system also perceive one heck of a problem, the problem being with junkers on the roads. What has happened since that time? Are there fewer junkers? Is the problem any less? I don't think so. The problem is there just the same. There are a number of studies which indicate that defective vehicles do cause accidents. An Indiana study, for example, studied two thousand two hundred accidents over a five year period and concluded that vehicle factors, vehicle defects definitely cause four to five percent of accidents. They further concluded that nine to thirteen percent of these accidents were either probably or definitely caused by vehicle factors. As many as fifteen to twenty-five percent of accidents could be possibly caused by vehicular factors. So the problem is there. Defects and cars are still causing accidents. The other possibility is that we have become convinced that the system we have in place does not solve the problem but if you are going to say today that we should do away with that system completely, then you are saying we should be ignoring the problem, a problem that continues to exist, a problem that studies and common sense tells us is still there. It has seemed to me that a number of areas we tend to go too far in one direction and then too far in the other. First we get a motor vehicles inspection law. Some of you think we have gone too far with that law. Perhaps we have gone a little too far. Senator Vickers has pointed out, a number of people have pointed out to the Public Works Committee when we heard this bill, that there are aspects of the system that definitely need modification. I am convinced of that. I think most of the Public Works Committee was, but that does not mean that we should do away with the law completely. That would be, in my opinion, going too far in the opposite direction and then we are left with the problem with which we are proposing no solution. What we should be doing is what a number of people have suggested. Studying this, there are alternatives. This is a situation where there