

station to be inspected and there is very little assurance as to the quality of inspection. Some individuals, in my opinion, will be overinspected and will end up having to buy tires when that is not necessary, will end up having to put in new brake shoes when that is not necessary, will end up having to put on a new exhaust system when that is not necessary. Why? Because that store has used this inspection system as an opportunity to, in effect, gouge the consumer. Now how do I know about this? I know about it because I personally have taken calls. In fact, I think that the Safety Inspection Program has generated more calls to my home than any other state law that we have. I think that I have received more telephone calls over the last three years on this issue than any other program that we have in the State of Nebraska. Or we will have occasions when people take their vehicles in for inspections and the service station attendant will give the inspection a lick and a promise and it will be underinspected and so patent defects will be missed. Patent problems will not be taken care of because that is the nature of the subjective base that we are talking about but I think the real wrong, the real wrong with our safety inspection system is that a lot of low income automobile purchasers look upon the safety sticker as the Good Housekeeping seal of approval and they buy that automobile when it has a safety sticker on it, believing that that safety sticker means that that car is free of defects, means that that car is really going to perform adequately and well and what happens, they get the car out on the road and within a few days the car has major difficulties, i.e., it has got a cracked block, it has got major oil leaks, the transmission has a problem and what have you. But they thought that the safety sticker meant that the car was in good shape. They learned to the disappointment that is not the case. In fact, the importance of the safety sticker to the automobile is that tested in Omaha by the very active black market....

SENATOR CLARK: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...in stolen safety stickers. Right now there are many safety stickers that are being stolen out of service stations and off of cars and applied to cars because consumers rely on those safety stickers somehow in making their purchases. Now to me, the State of Nebraska should not be in the position, should not be in the position of effectively putting the consumer in a bad situation. Other state legislators and legislatures are as concerned about highway safety as I am certain that we are and many other states do not have safety sticker programs. There are many states....

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Johnson.