

to show you that there are ways in which we can improve that law and make it workable. So your support for the amendment is encouraged.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wiitala has 50 fourth grade students in the North balcony from the Millard Public Schools. Their instructors are Mrs. Virginia Wilson and Miss Janice Ogden. Will you raise your hands so we may recognize you, please? Thank you for visiting the Legislature. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Chairman and members, this would be rather humorous if it wasn't so serious but this well thought out amendment that my good colleagues, Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely, are attempting to insert in LB 35 obviously does not meet with my approval and I will attempt to go through it as they have and perhaps point out to you some of the other side of the coin, the issues that they are bringing forth. First of all, Senator Beutler indicated that there must have been a reason for the inspections law to begin with. That is the reason it passed. We have got a copy of the transcript of the hearing and also the floor debate on the bill that created the inspection sticker and Senator Warner is grinning. I suppose you were here. You remember it. You introduced it. Okay, bless your heart. And the reason for most of the... I should yield my time to Senator Warner but I am afraid of what he might say. Maybe his memory isn't quite as good as my reading on the issue but the reason it was introduced and the major reasons given for it was because the federal government was threatening to withhold highway funds if it wasn't enacted. Obviously the federal government didn't withhold any highway funds. The federal government backed off which indicates to me at least, that the federal government realized they were wrong, that it doesn't have anything to do with cutting down on the number of accidents. Also I think it is rather strange that the Department is suddenly willing to work with the Public Works Committee. They are suddenly willing to meet with interested parties and come up with some magical formula to make the program work and I don't think there is anything too strange about that. A bureaucrat will do most anything to hang on to his position. Obviously that is what is happening. Also there is some constitutional problems with the existing law. What Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely is doing is going to, in my opinion at least, would make those constitutional problems even more of a problem. For instance, the constitutional problems that are there right now are because of the fact that not all vehicles in this state need to be inspected. It doesn't require all vehicles to be inspected. Fleet vehicles, for instance, is not inspected, Hertz and Avis and this type of thing. Now they are saying that a new car that is under two years old doesn't have to be inspected. Well that is really good if you are driving a