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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I strongly support the DeCamp amendment. I have opposed the bill from the start. Yes, we are killing each other. Sorry about that. I think we are rushing into something by eliminating the program as quick as it is being attempted. After all, this has been on for a long while. The program is better. There is no question about it. Over the years it is getting better all the time. More accidents today, Senator Vickers says, and that is true. I don't think there is probably any doubt about it. But remember this, if we discontinue the safety inspection, we are going to have more accidents because there are more older cars on the road each year for a lot of reasons. Number one, people cannot afford to buy a new car and they can't afford to buy a new car with the price of gasoline the way it is, so each year we are going to have older cars. And there is no doubt about it, he is correct when he says that all accidents could be eliminated if we...or he said that alcohol is the main cause and I agree. But there is no question, all statistics show that there are accidents eliminated because of the safety stickers. Now the great expense, as Senator Dworak was talking about, of the program, you know what it is? It is 2.68 gallons of gas, not enough to back out of your garage and drive in again, practically. 2.68 gallons of gas for one year, one year, that great expense. Think of it people. It is just impossible to believe when you can buy for insurance policy...a small one, for \$3.75 that could save your life. Please vote for the DeCamp amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, my goodness sakes alive anyway, first I rise to oppose Johnny DeCamp's amendment. The Governor's Task Force studied and studied and studied this inspection sticker. They say, get rid of it. Nearly all the people of my District say, get rid of it. Nearly all the people in the State of Nebraska say, we have too much interference with government in our business now. They say, get rid of the inspection program. It appears to me that the 24 people who are going to be without a job are getting to some of the State Senators here. I really believe most of the State Senators really believe the inspection program is a farce. It hasn't saved lives. It hasn't saved accidents. It is just another way to interfere with our privacy. Perhaps I think I made my point if I made one at all. I would give the rest of my time to Senator Haberman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, for what purpose do you rise?