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SENATOR HABERMAN: He yields the rest of his time, which is four minutes, to me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, go ahead.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow colleagues, we haven't even touched upon one thing. How did we get the safety inspector system in the first place? Why do we have it? Because the federal government forced it upon us. They said, you shall have a vehicle inspection system, or we are going to withhold some of your federal funds. So Nebraska rushed right in and put in the system, and you know what, those states that didn't do it, the federal government didn't do it either. They didn't withhold any funds. It was a bluff. That's how we got it in the first place. We were forced into it. It wasn't because it was a good program that was needed, it was because the federal government threatened us. Now when I get home, the people are going to say, Rex, what did you do about the inspection stickers? And I am going to say, we are going to study it. And they are going to laugh, and they are going to say, that's just great, we told you we didn't want it, you voted and voted and voted that you didn't want it, and now you are going to study it. You are sticking your heads in the sand and you are going to study it some more and study it and study it. Father Bowen who stood up here ten days ago has an 18 year old son who went down and had the tie rods on his car completely replaced because the man, to give him a sticker, said he needed them. So the young man had them replaced. He got his sticker, took the old tie rods home. He and his father went down to the garage, showed them to the garage man and he said, these tie rods are all right, you were took. What was their recourse? They had no recourse. And this goes on over and over and over where people are being taken advantage of, and we have a chance of doing something about it and we are not doing it. Let's go back to the farm, for you farmers, what about the farmer that uses his truck for three weeks? That is the only time he uses it is during harvest. He goes to town, tries to get a safety sticker and the guy isn't open. He is not open today, or it is closed, he can't make any money. So he has to go 25 or 30 miles. And you are going to go home, Senator Kahle, and they are going to say to you, what did you do about it, and you are going to say, we are having a study, we are going to study it. As I told you before, we have people who put snow tires on the front end of their cars because they have treads. They get their stickers. They go home, jack up the front end, take off the snow tires and put the smoothies back on. The sticker thing means nothing. So I oppose Senator DeCamp's motion, and I