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ask you to vote against it, and let's get on. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go to the next speakers, in the north balcony from Senator Lamb's District four students from District #136, Thedford, Nebraska, and two adults, Mr. Ben Eickhof is the teacher, in the north balcony. Will you raise your hands so we can see where you are? Okay. From Senator Burrows' District, fourteen students all seniors from Adams School, Adams, Nebraska, Mr. Tom McShane, teacher. They are in the north balcony. Hold up your hands if you will, so we can see where you are. Welcome. And as the guests of Senator Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Young of Eugene, Oregon. Mrs. Young is a sister of Senator Burrows and they should be underneath the north balcony. Where are you located? Welcome. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Cope, I had a car that used 2.8 gallons going in and out of the garage, but I traded it off for one that had a sticker on it. But that is about what a sticker means. I have heard someone say the hardest thing they do when they make an inspection is to take off the old sticker, and believe me with the slant of the windshields they have now, that is a difficult job. The reason I oppose the new amendment is this. We have been relying on someone else to make our decisions for us too long. When we own a car it seems that we should have some responsibility to maintain that car, to take the responsibility ourselves. But what happens when we have a safety inspection law? We rely on a safety inspection to do our thinking for us, to keep our car in shape. We rely on that inspection to tell us everything that may be wrong. If you go down the list of things that are actually inspected, they are trivia. They don't amount to anything with the exception of a couple of items. It doesn't take a mechanic to find out that your directional signals are or are not working, that your upper lights are working or your lower lights are working, or that a tire has worn that you can see. They don't remove wheels any more to look at brakes. So what we are relying on is a facade, and we are relying on something that isn't there. Now we have had this law for about ten years or so and we think it is great. Now this morning we find out it is not all that good. Well, what has been happening to our leadership for the last ten years? All of a sudden it looks like it's gone down the drain. Oh, wait a minute, let's do a study, let's look at this, it's better than it used to be. I ask any of you, how is it any better than it ever was before? It isn't any better and I will be anxious to see how you vote when 129 comes up with Senator