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This is the heart of the whole bill, this competitive bid part of the bill. That is what the bill does, allows them to have competitive bidding on reflectorization of either the numerals or the back, both ways. 3M can bid it either way so I ask you certainly not to accept this either. Let's go ahead and read the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Koch motion to return? Senator Koch, you may close. Senator Haberman, did you have your light on before...Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we have debated and debated and debated and mickey-moused this bill for hours and hours and hours and hours and I ask you to reject these amendments and we go ahead with the Final Reading of the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Koch, you may close.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, it is interesting now that suddenly we want to really expedite our efforts when yesterday we spent six hours on a piece of legislation that probably should have been held a half hour and this morning we spent a great deal of time on Final Reading on 76 and now when we are getting into the business of license plates immediately Senator Clark brings up the name of an industry that has been kicked around this floor far too much. I didn't know industries and I think that is a matter of the Motor Vehicle Department to make determinations on specifications, and if you read that language that was put in there, I think that it pretty well provides a rather narrow type of definition of what the specs shall be. The Motor Vehicle Department, we charge them with certain responsibilities, and as a legislative body, it is our responsibility to provide them with oversight but yet not to restrict them to the point where again bidding may not be fair to all who have an interest in developing license plates for the State of Nebraska and its citizens. I think there is no need to have that language in here since we extend the license plate one more year. Let the Motor Vehicle Department define how that license shall be numerically prescribed, what kind of materials there shall be, and the distances that you have to be able to observe that license plate. You will notice in here we have five hundred feet. That may not necessarily be the magic number. I believe that this body should leave it to the Motor Vehicle Department and you know I have argued against some of this position since its very beginning and this is not a last moment effort in spite of what some of you may think. I believe that this body since we are extending the license plates for six