

there was no evidence to that effect before the Public Works Committee. So, it seems to me, that everything indicates that the plates are good for seven years. If they are good for seven years this time, why don't we save the tax payers a little more money and just say that they will be good for seven years permanently and for those few individuals that suffer some kind of a problem allow them to come in and individually replace those plates just as we are doing this year, asking them to come in and individually replace those plates. It seems to me that it would make perfect sense to extend it to seven years on a permanent basis. That is what this amendment asks you to do. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Beutler amendment. I think it only makes sense that we take this step. I have been one who has felt that we have delayed and delayed the issuance of new plates and it's not so much that I don't think that is a necessary step, but it is quite clear with the old license plates you can see that there are problems, but also the design is a factor that we have to keep in mind. We are going to be having bicentennial plates until 1984 in this state and it seems as though it has been a few years since that event took place in this country and I think it is a bit of an embarrassment to the state actually as we travel around the country to be identified as the bicentennial state even today and still two years left on those plates. So, I think if we are going to go to seven years let's try to design them for a little more long term vision because at the time the bicentennial plates were. . . the design was adopted that was I believe, I don't know how long the plates were supposed to last at that time but certainly it wasn't expected that they would take this long. As you know, in '79, that was my first year here we extended the life of plates and I think every year since then we have extended one more year, one more year. Something has always come up. The money usually was a factor but other problems came up with the beads on paint versus the reflectorized license plates and all of that comes together in the fact that every year people have not been allowed to get new license plates and I think what Senator Clark is talking about is right. I think that people do deserve some new plates. I'm not sure though about his approach. Nevertheless I think what Senator Beutler is saying is right. If we are going to be able to make them last seven years, let's anticipate that fact, then I think when we design the plates we will know that it is going to