

sure what I have to say is all that important, but I did want to say it. My question is basically a question for Senator Warner. The question is this. As I understand it we are going through the motions of extending these plates for one year for the purpose of saving two million dollars. At the same time there is going to be a reissuance of plates to replace battered plates, etc., that is going to cost the state in the neighborhood of \$700,000. Now, last year we passed a bill which would require the issuance of new plates be let out for bids. But, the Attorney General has come up with an opinion, as I understand it, that the reissuance of used plates or replacement plates does not have to be bid. Consequently it seems to me that while we are making this big effort to save two million dollars by extending the plates for a year, at the same time we are not going to bid out the replacement plates which is going to cost the state a couple hundred thousand dollars more. I'm wondering, Senator Warner, if that is the current position and the continuing position of the administration not to let those out for bid.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Warner, will you respond?

SENATOR WARNER. I wish I hadn't been so willing to give you part of my closing. I could not answer that question, in all honesty, Senator Beutler, because I do not know that. I would assume the position of the administration is to follow the advice of the Attorney General in interpreting what we did last year and that is a straight answer because I would have no reason to believe that they would have any other reason to do it. Now, you raised several issues, like we are opening up debate again, which I am perfectly willing to respond to but the one direct question, I assume that they are only following what the Attorney General, as I understand his role is, to give advice, and they are following that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: His advice is that they could do it one of two ways. They could let it for bids or they could not. But, it seems ironic to me that they are apparently going to chose not to let it for bids, which will cost the state money, at the same time they are extending the plates to save the state money ostensibly.

SENATOR WARNER: That may or may not be true. In other areas we have argued how much it would cost the state because we have had bids in other instances, so, I don't know if that is particularly true or untrue. I certainly would not attempt to speak for the administration because I do not honestly know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Warner. I wish there was somebody here that could speak to the bill. Apparently