

we are not going to get away with it, the citizens. Every time somebody walks into the County Clerk and Treasurer's office to buy and register their automobile and it is going to be \$3.75 more and boy you know what the County Clerk and Treasurer is going to say, and I don't blame them. They are going to say, talk to those people down there in Lincoln. They are the ones that did it. They are the ones that did it. Let's be up front, introduce the bill to raise the motor vehicle \$3.75. Let's don't say, well you have been paying \$3.75 and now you don't have to pay it any more, but you are still going to keep on paying it and you are going to get nothing for it. I can't play ball that way. I really can't. I ask you not to do that, even though the economy and the budget and everything else might say you should do this there is still principle, and the principle is that you don't do it this way. I rise to oppose leaving the \$3.75 on the tax on the people for nothing. Thank you Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I take no pleasure in standing up here again advocating some tax adjustment. I get a little amused by those who are stoutly defending that this ought to come from the sales and income tax, at least some of them, I wonder where they were when that could have been done. But, to pretend that there is no cost by transferring this to the General Fund, I don't know how you figure that. We keep this up and we are talking about an 18 and 3½% sales and income tax rates and I know as well as everybody in this body knows that you are not going to do that. So if you don't want to fund this program in this fashion, then we are going to eliminate something someplace else. I don't know where you all want to do it but that is our choices. Now the option here is not unreasonable. It is not unreasonable because the cost for safety inspection is a program that will only be carried out by the patrol, no one else. It is not in effect a new cost, I will not argue that it is not a new tax, but it is not a new cost to the motor vehicle user. Obviously it will be a lesser cost than motor vehicle inspection because that also included repairs after you paid the \$3.75 or you paid the \$3.75 twice if you didn't pass and had to go somewhere else. In any event it seems to me it is a reasonable solution for difficult times. I would hope that the body would be willing to adopt this proposal for trying to get through our difficult times and provide the funding that is necessary for the patrol to operate because I don't think you are going to get it from the General Funds.