

issuing of plates so that new plates could be done. As we started looking at the mechanics of that it became apparent that in order to issue plates, to order the material, pay for the steel, that we would have to appropriate a general fund appropriation this year somewhere between a million six and \$2.2 million if you are doing two plates. If you are doing one plate it would be less but in any event because even adding the dollar would not be available to the state in order to manufacture the plates it was impossible, at least anyway that I assumed it was impossible to make that size of a general fund appropriation based upon the situation of our receipts. So the bill as it would stand then would merely extend the plates to 1984, establish that committee which would do their design and specifications work which then puts the issue to the next session of the Legislature, whatever they would have recommended by that time will be a known factor. There are no criteria left then as far as the specifications and the issue that was earlier discussed and was of a concern of all of us and that was whether or not indicating some tie to the federal standards. It wouldn't have the effect of limiting the number of companies that might be making bids. All that is out and because I see no way to provide the funding the only alternative it seems to me that is reasonable is to go ahead with this amendment that does do the design. We will have a known figure, everything, next time and then we appropriate the necessary money so that the plates can be issued. Now those I know of you who wanted to establish new plates and I think I was in concurrence too with doing that but I see no way to do it under the financial binds that we have and the impact that we would have to have. So I would move adoption of the amendment for those reasons.

SENATOR NICHOL: We have an amendment to the amendment pending but prior to introducing that I'd like to introduce 50 fourth grade students from Fairbury Public Schools at Fairbury, Nebraska, in our North balcony. They are guests of Senator Burrows and the teachers are Mrs. Ethel Winter and Mrs. Don Weeks and they are in the North balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Warner amendment by deleting on lines 12 and 13 everything after the semicolon on line 12.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we really haven't framed the issue yet on this amendment. This amendment is the 3M Company monotonous amendment which