

comes before us at least twice a year for the last two years. This is the amendment that would undo and redo and do again everything we have done on this question for the last two years and continue a debate that is getting very old indeed. What does the amendment do? It does two things. First of all, it creates a new bureaucracy. It creates a whole new committee to decide on the design of license plates. It is perfectly ridiculous in that regard. And the second thing that it does with regard to the bidding process, it changes the word "and" to "or" so that they are required to take bids on reflectorized letters and numerals "or" material systems that reflectorize the entire surface instead of "and". Now you remember we fought this battle once before and this Legislature with the same people in it decided that they should take bids on both systems and see which is the cheaper and which is in the best interest of the state and now they are going right back in and saying they can take bids on one system or the other. 3M would like that. What my amendment does is to delete the change with regard to the bidding system and retain what we have already decided upon and then if Senator Warner wants to go ahead and create this little committee composed of the Attorney General and who else, Senator Warner? Superintendent of Law Enforcement, Director of Correctional Services and all these other people that have the credentials to decide on the design of our license plate, go ahead and do that. But at least drop out the provision that takes away the competitive bidding that we have fought so hard to establish in the Legislature. I'm sorry to sound so agitated on this particular one but sometimes the lobby just drives me crazy. I think 3M stands for Muscle, Muscle and Muscle. They've been out there in that lobby all year long waiting for this one little amendment to come up and by golly, I think it is time we showed people that we're not here to be driven crazy. We are here to make a decision, to stick by it and to go ahead to other decisions. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, as I understand the amendment, I know your remarks, Senator Beutler, are better copy, but as I understand the amendment its purpose is solely one of providing the flexibility for either or both to the committee and I see absolutely no harm for the very simple fact that there is no money authorized to be spent, will be no money spent. There can be no bids taken. There is no funds appropriated and what we will have instead of this constant argument for three years as to who is right and who is wrong and who is cheaper and who does last longer and all the other allegations that both sides, both big, big companies make, if