

ought to have one, at least one, PhD in design of license plates, or we ought to leave it to the 3rd Graders and it wouldn't cost us anything. This is a terrible thing that they are trying to do. 3M stands for money, muscle and more money. That is all it stands for as far as I know. They have tried this...they tried to put it in the other amendment there the same way. Now what you are going to do under this amendment, that five-man committee is going to design some kind of a license plate and they are going to have one bid. I don't care which it will be, Flex-O-Lite or 3M, you are not going to know which is the best plate, which is the worst plate, which is the cheapest plate, the most durable plate. You are not going to know anything. Senator Koch says you are going to get an inferior plate. I don't know how he knows that. I have seen Flex-O-Lite plates that have been out nine years. I have seen some of the 3M plates that have been out for four years that you can't read. That does not mean they are an inferior plate on either side. It merely means they have been subjected to the weather and the elements, not much more. The idea of the bill last year that I worked so darn hard to get passed, 40 to 3, sets the standard for the license plate but says that you have to be able to see it within 500 feet. It has been in there for a long time in the statutes, and they were to take bids on both systems. There is nothing complicated about it. There is nothing complicated about a license plate design unless you want to go to an alpha numeric system. If you want to do that, Governor Thone will veto it so fast you'd never know it hit his desk. He does not believe in alpha numeric systems. So all you have got left is the type of plate we have now. What could you do? Senator Koch almost in committee tried to put a graphic designer on there. Do you know who has graphic designed plates? I am going to let you guess five times and then I will tell you it is 3M. They are the only ones that have graphic designed plates. You talk about bid rigging, do you want to be a part of that? That is all this is. Certainly you want to reject Senator Warner's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman. Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak again? There are several others. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much, Senator Nichol. I seem to have a problem with discovering why Chris Beutler wanted to change it, so I am going to ask Senator Beutler, what is it that you are trying to strike in the amendment? I don't seem to have that on my desk. Did you send it out?