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reflectorized letters and numbers and there could be two or three companies which was to a different standard, maybe durability was the difference in which material systems that reflectorized the entire surface could be when the department...could be a separate set of bids of two or more companies, maybe there is only one but if there could be two or more. What I am getting to is when the board of...Department of Motor Vehicles comes in next year for an appropriation, are we going to be sitting and looking at specifications that are so broad that in order to have two or three bids that some portion of the specs have to be of lesser quality and so are not really competitive? And then you would take the cheaper one that had less durability if that was the issue. What I am wondering, you know, specifically my question is, do you understand in putting the "and" back in that this committee could have a set of standards that met the first part and a second set of standards that met the second part and we would have bids for each and guarantees from each?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Warner, my understanding would be that you would have a set of standards, one set of standards that would accommodate both types of systems. I mean, if, for example, you want plates to last seven years, it has to have durability for seven years. I am not trying to elude you, I....

SENATOR WARNER: No, I am not...I am just asking for clarification. So in other words, it would only be...if you have two different kind of systems, you would not be able to look at them separately and they would both... your specifications would have to be so loose that anybody could qualify since they both have to go together.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If you are looking at it from an Appropriations Committee point of view, I am not sure what the problem is that you envision. I mean, certainly....

SENATOR WARNER: I am assuming you could have specifications of lower quality. That would be a lower dollar amount which would take less of an appropriation. And you could have a higher quality....

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: ...that would take more money but maybe would last longer.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that how you appropriate, on the basis of specifications that you review on the Appropriations Committee?

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