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SENATOR BEUTLER: We are now on the Warner amendment, the remainder of the Warner amendment, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR NICHOL: That is right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The remainder of the Warner amendment has to do with creating this committee. The Director of Motor Vehicles, the Attorney General, Superintendent of Law Enforcement, the Director of Correctional Services, and somebody from the Department of Administrative Services all to supervise the designing of the license plate. All these people are replacing the Director of Motor Vehicles. Instead of having him make the decision, now we are going to have a whole committee to make the decision. I guess I just don't see the reason to create a whole...well, I see a reason but I don't see a good public policy reason for creating a new committee like this. Are you going to have a new committee to decide the color of the paint in the Capitol's restrooms. Or the heights of the desks in the State Office Building? Are you going to have a committee for that? How about a committee for the weight of the doorstops in the Governor's office? I mean you can go on and on. There are many, many, many things in government that government requisitions that are just as important as license plates and cost just as much, but we rely on our long established traditional form of government and we rely on our administrators to take care of those mundane problems that come up from day to day. We don't create whole new committees to deal with it. It just seems...it really seems a little ridiculous to me, and I suggest to you that there must be some other reason for doing it other than efficiency in government. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I am going to have to agree with Senator Beutler on this. You know, in the first place a camel is nothing more than a horse put together by a committee which is an old saying on it. In the first place, why would you have a committee? I want to tell you something about that committee. There is five on the committee. That is two less than the number of paid lobbyists for 3M that are out in the hall right now. Can you imagine that? I don't know why they wouldn't have seven. And I suppose if I was going to pick a committee, I would rather have all those lobbyists on the committee, then I know what I am up against. It wouldn't be any trouble. I think it was clear last year that they would bid on beads... the beads on paint system and they would bid on fully