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legal counsel with all the contentions that float around on this issue, this certainly is one. The Department of Corrections is on there because they are the ones that make the plate. That is the people who will know the kind of equipment that they have to do the framing, the kind of steel that their equipment will work with, all those issues, and that certainly is important. And the other individual is the purchasing agent for the state who will be writing the specs and that certainly is important. It is almost asinine that anyone would suggest that the five...then the State Patrol, and certainly the purpose of plates are to identify motor vehicles and someone representing law enforcement is certainly appropriate, so it is almost asinine to suggest that the five agencies of state government are not going to be designated to work together to do this. A design is not if it is a pretty picture. Design includes the kind of material, the whole series of things which need to be addressed. Then finally I want to make it very clear that by striking "and", or rather inserting "and" or retaining "and" and not putting in "or", as far as I am concerned I will expect this committee or the department to come in with specifications when they request funds that will very clearly indicate if there is any difference in quality so that we will not just necessarily find the cheapest thing available but that we will be getting the best buy for the money. So I am going to disregard whether "and" or "or" is in there and assume that they are going to come in with both things separately as well as together and then we can really make a comparison and get rid of the argument that is going on. I would hope you would adopt the amendment. The logic of the committee you would almost... it is beyond belief that anyone would think that the five agencies of state government directly involved shouldn't have input in that design. The only way you can avoid a lot of problems in the future is to have those agencies that will have to work together working together at the beginning. I move adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting no.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, how many are absent?

SENATOR NICHOL: Only one excused, Senator Warner.

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