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problem that we have and we are losing revenues as a result of that. I think it is about time we got some new license plates. Senator Vickers has had his old battered license plate up there most of the session. I think we know what the problems are. They have hung on pretty good. I understand the cost savings that there is involved here but at the same time I think we have got to look at new license plates. Every year I have been down here the same old situation comes up, we will extend them another year and then another and then another year, and every year I have been down here we have done that. At some point we have got to switch and get some new license plates. If we do have new license plates and we do decide to start carrying those forward for a number years, let's get a larger area on them that has a sticker that we can all see instead of something that is pretty invisible unless you get lucky and by chance are able to spot it. The result is the lack of enforcement on our registration laws and that concerns me deeply, and so as a protest I would support the Vickers amendment but I also think that we probably can't afford it. So anyway I wanted to make that known to you and tell you that we have a problem in addition to some of the other concerns that have been expressed today.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Clark, please.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I would have to agree with Senator Wesely on this. There are between 15 and 20 percent of the cars as nearly as I can get figures for that are not registered out there that we are losing on now. I suppose most of you have seen Senator Vickers' plate that he had there. I want you to know that is some of that nice 3M material. You can't read it but you show me in the statute where it says you have to be able to read it. That is not only a legal plate now but if this bill goes through it will be a legal plate for another year and there is no way you can read the plate. Governor Thone has told me he thought that these plates would last another year. I asked him what he was looking at, when was the plate issued? Last week, last month, last year? Has it been subjected to the weather that we have out in greater Nebraska? Of course it hasn't. You never know what plates you are looking at. That plate in town right here will last a long time regardless of whose plate it is, and I am not degrading 3M plates. They are a good plate. There is no doubt about it, they are very costly but they are good. The thing

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