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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. I will briefly state to you what the amendment is. It has to do with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Act and what it proposes to do is to allow another year before it is sunset and allow this body a chance to review their action in terms of the value of the act and motor vehicle inspections. I firmly believe that this state is making a mistake if we don't look more serious at the fact we are about to repeal something I believe is just as valuable in helping prevent fatalities as the DWI bill, and I mean that. It is interesting that the people who are most opposed to this sometimes are not too careful in terms of paying respect to the law. It is also interesting that the people who do the poorest law enforcement on the sticker are local police forces and the state patrol does a tremendous job. I have handed out to you letters written to the Governor and lately since I was quoted in an article not too long ago about what I said we were going to do in the State of Nebraska is we are going to create a haven for junkers. The other day the Education Committee interviewed seven people, the Governor's appointments to the Safety Center in Kearney. I asked them the question, a teacher, a lieutenant colonel of the safety patrol and others, and they said without hesitation, we think you are making a mistake, that a motor vehicle inspection law properly administered and enforced does indeed serve a value to the people of the State of Nebraska. When I made that statement about Nebraska becoming a junker's paradise I received a number of phone calls and letters saying, you are right, we didn't realize it, you are correct. But I think that we can put a law in place next year that will serve the consumer as well as those who make the inspection to prevent fraudulent types or unscrupulous types of activities. My idea would be that we would establish certain safety inspection stations, and you take your car to be inspected and you feel as though you have been victimized by repairs you don't need, you could go to the inspection stations operated by the state, show them the parts and that station would immediately be under severe penalty for a fraudulent type of action. So if this body is so sincere about saving lives or maiming of lives or paraplegics, then I think you had better relook at what you did last year in LB 35, and then after one more year of careful consideration if there aren't some laws that are applicable and could be administered and do indeed serve the public, then you should repeal it. But I happened to capture the emotion of this body as I watched them deal with seven DWI bills this session and the mood just seems

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