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at all. I think they could care less. I think they are pleading for keeping their job, a nice soft job that they got with the State of Nebraska. I take that as rather an insult when people send letters like that in here telling us to keep a program for other reasons when it is simply for their job that they are pleading for. So I think the best thing to do is simply not plow this field again, vote no on the suspension of the rules and go about the business at hand.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I don't like to stand and oppose my good friend Senator Koch's amendment, but in reading the letter that he handed out by Jack Ritonya, Investigator of Motor Vehicle Inspection, I did read it. It caught my eye where it said, my investigations got me involved mostly with women. That is true because most of those garage men think we women don't know a spark plug from a steering wheel. So I would imagine that is where most of the complaints came from, probably after they went home and told their husbands they spent \$150 they didn't need to spend. In my own case being a dumb woman, I took my car to a repair shop and I said, change the oil and grease it, and when I got back to my office they called and they said, hey, you have got no brake lining. And I said, what are you talking about? They said, we took the wheels off of your car and the brake lining is shot. I said, that's funny I haven't had a problem with the brakes and I never told you to check the brakes. And they said, well, you can't go any place with this car the way it is. I said, you better put whatever brake lining was on there back on it, it better be the same that was there when I drove in because that car has not had one problem. Now that was just one instance. When I went to pick up the car, pulled the same old tactic on a woman. Okay, lady, your life is in your own hands driving home without any brakes. And I said, if there is no brakes on this car you are the one that's going to get sued because they had them when it came in. Second time I was almost ripped off, tire dealer by the name of... I don't mind giving the name, Michelin, on L Street in Omaha. Took my 1974 Maverick in, brand new car, just one year old. It was up for inspection. They said, this has leaky shock absorbers. I said, this car doesn't even have 15,000 miles on it. Can't help it, lady. I said, well, I am going to have to check it someplace else. And then they told this dumb lady, okay, but we are going to have to report you to the state that you are driving with faulty shock absorbers. I said, you do that, and I went up the

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