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SENATOR COPE: Senator Nichol, would you hold me till later, I want to avoid the rush and get to the popcorn. No, it's too late. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Koch in holding this over for one more year. I supported the safety sticker idea when it was passed in this Legislature. I still support it. I think it has saved lives. I think it will continue to. One of the reasons too, and Senator Higgins gave me the idea, of why maybe it isn't as good as it should be. If Senator Higgins had, and I hope she did report this incident to Motor Vehicles, they would have checked it out right away. If we would all do that, and people would do it, it would make the whole theory of it better. We have to help with it. But think of this, three gallons of gas for a whole year might save somebody's life. I don't know of a better insurance policy and that life could be your own, that's the thing. With today's self-service stations and most of us buying gas that is self-service, cars do not get the attention that they did five or six years ago or ten when you really got your car serviced and the attendant looked at it and took care of it. So please consider this carefully before you vote no on Senator Koch's motion.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator VonMinden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would just ask you to remember what happened a year ago. Senator Vickers and myself and others in here, we proved to you I think without a shadow of a doubt that there were just as many accidents having inspection stickers as prior to before we had it. I think we proved to you that the state should abolish the inspection sticker. They had just as many accidents before that as they do now. Senator Koch, we passed this bill last year with an interim study on the bill and I think Senator Koch and the inspection people should have got out and worked all summer long and all fall. They could not muster enough support up to convince the committee that we should carry this bill on. So I hope you will defeat his amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I was going to question the call but I think this is necessary. At the present time the local police and the state patrol can stop you if you have a headlight out or a broken taillight, or if they see anything about your automobile that is unsafe, they can stop you or give