

to be 100 percent disabled. Suppose a veteran has lost one arm, is that 100 percent disability, I would like to ask somebody? That is not considered 100 percent disability, heads are nodding no. If the basis is disability, then any disability ought to be all right, and if 100,000 of these licenses would be printed or cut, that shouldn't make any difference. If disability is it, that is what it should be. When negotiations or compromises are made to reduce the number who would be involved so that you can get the bill through, then it is not disabled veterans who are being honored. It is to try to create some kind of elitism through the system of license plates that have to be placed on cars. I am not going to try to persuade anybody to feel like I feel. I am not going to try to persuade anybody to vote against the bill, but I am going to vote against this one. I am going to vote against Purple Hearts. I am going to vote against Congressional Medals of Honor. I am going to vote against those who may have lived 180 years. I am going to vote against all of them. License plates are not for that purpose. The only thing they are designed to do is indicate that you have paid taxes and all the other things you have to do to get that piece of tin to put on the car. Senator Beyer and I did yeomanlike work a few years ago to get all slogans, all pictures, and all other clutter off the license plate, but good must constantly be nurtured and protected and we were not able to maintain that good. These battles must be rewon over and over. They don't stay won. But now not only did we lose that battle, but we are being pushed in the hole. More and more things are going to be put on the license plate. Who knows what all these different letters and symbols mean? Are they secret associations? Is it power that the Masons have been able to gain over the state and have slipped some of their secret symbols onto the license plate because only some people have them? If a person is going to buy a prestige plate, let them buy it, but to have certain license plates for certain people with certain initials, letters, symbols, and emblems is not an appropriate course, in my opinion, for the state to pursue. So I am not going to talk on the rest of them, what I would have to say is redundant, but I am going to vote against it and I think the members of this Legislature are going to have to get enough backbone, develop enough gumption to start saying no to these things. This is the kind of thing that is usually brought to me because I am for every group that is oppressed, and I really am, and a person who is for one of these kinds of license plates had talked to me about it...