

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone LB 156. Senator Hefner, I believe you'd have the option to lay it over, Senator, if that was your inclination.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: I'll take it up.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Senator Chambers, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, having the conviction I do about this, it's not enough for me merely to speak against it. I should take some affirmative act to try to stop it and I've done that by offering a kill motion and I offer it in all seriousness. And when we get to Select File, I'm going to offer a kill motion on the other one, too. There are a lot of important matters this session that I'm going to have to deal with and the rest of us are going to have to deal with. I have never used that as an argument against a senator bringing anything he or she wants to bring before the body but once it gets before us, then it has to be dealt with and there is a way that I think these types of things need to be dealt with and that is to dispatch them. So I want Senator Hefner and everybody else to understand that I'm not saying you have no right to offer these kind of bills. Anything can be offered but once out here, then we deal with it the way we think it should be dealt with. I'm not even going to say it's a waste of time for this to come before us because it creates an opportunity for certain issues to be discussed that I think go beyond just these license plates. There are times when we have to seriously stop and consider what our role and function are as a legislative body and it's not to placate or accommodate every whim that occurs to somebody. I don't know where the idea came from or who first got it that the license plates in Nebraska ought to have this picture on it or this symbol and these words. But the idea is all right for discussion in a coffee shop and it's all right for churches and other types of voluntary associations and organizations to put together ceremonies and whatever they want to do to honor these people or recognize them, but you're asking that the power of the state, the sovereign legislating authority of the people be utilized to do this kind of a thing. I think it's a mistake and I hope that there will be enough votes to kill this bill.