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pull this amendment because, obviously, it's probably more policy than we have time for on this particular environment of the consent calendar. And, with that, Senator Withem, we'll discuss specialty plates, I think, in the future but we will...I would pull this amendment at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is pulled.

CLERK: Senator Brashear would move to amend the bill. (AM1652 appears on page 1938 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, AM1662 (sic, Mr. Clerk, is it printed?

CLERK: It is not, Senator.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: All right, thank you. Is...this amendment is so simple, so straightforward, ought to be so easy to adopt that even Landis, Senator Landis can understand it and I think it can pass with great, great delight. It's...the amendment basically provides for a Nebraska Cornhusker spirit license plate. Now I've got to tell this saga because it was one of my first encounters as an elected official with what I call bureaucracy and I, in no way, am casting aspersions upon the individuals with whom I dealt. But I do want to tell the members of the body what I encountered. Early in my service, a constituent came to me and said, Kermit, why can't we have message spirit plates like all the other states have? And I said, gee, I don't know, I wonder why we can't. I'll check into that. So I drove to Lincoln the next day with visions of scarlet and cream plates dancing before me and saying, I can strike one here for revenue and for spirit and for unity and for healing urban, rural and all other things. And soon I found out that the Department of Motor Vehicles really doesn't want a Cornhusker spirit plate. Let me tell you what they want. They want this rather uniform plate in whatever the colors are for the year, you know, black and white, green and whatever, and they want to put a little decal of Herbie Husker over on the side, the same place you would put the PEO sticker or the VFW sticker, or some other sticker. That's what they want. And they would not yield to me. And then they began to give all the arguments, why we really couldn't have a Cornhusker spirit plate, and I would like to share those arguments with you. They weren't certain they