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LB 465, 1211A

Have you all voted? Members in the Chamber, if you would check and see if you voted and then make a decision at that time if you would in fact like to vote. No one is forced to vote nor is anyone told how they should vote, but voting is sometimes a nice thing to do so. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance 1211A, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 465.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 465 is introduced by the Transportation Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 17 of this year, referred to the Transportation Committee. And that committee reports the bill with committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, on the Transportation Committee amendments.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, previously on Senator Brashear's spirit plate bill I made some reference to LB 465. LB 465 was introduced by the Transportation Committee. As a whole it was legislation prepared in part by the committee and part by the Department of Motor Vehicles after several years of frustration with a variety of speciality plates from nonprofit fraternals, educational institutions, social clubs, veterans organizations, public service organizations, a wide variety of people, some with all, the good purpose perhaps, but all had a little different twinge. Some wanted to do it for recognition, some wanted to do it to raise money, others wanted to do it because everybody else was doing it and there were those that felt because we wouldn't do one plate and did do the the other that they were being insulted or slighted. We had those that wanted to argue about their plates should go to their spouse, the other arguments were that it shouldn't go to their spouse, a variety of quite frankly very frustrating bills over a number of years. In fact, our own Senator Schmitt, he is here, you are looking at one of the referees, literally, of a physical fight that took place in our committee some what, six years ago that at that time Senator Schmitt was the state trooper on duty and I heard quite a scuffle in the hallway, it was a little skirmish that broke out over two groups that wanted speciality plates and one didn't