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thank the chairman of the committee, the introducer of the bill, and the Department of Motor Vehicles for their help in identifying this issue. I'll try to answer any questions you might have.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. For discussion on the Lynch amendment to LB 556, Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. You recall, on General File and debate on this bill that we had a discussion about the types of things that could be done, and this is the bill that deals with the loss of the money to the Highway Trust Fund on the issuance of the plates and the stickers. There was a discussion that Senator Chambers had about what some of the things that we could do and what areas were out here. I referred to Senator Lynch's bill, and Senator Lynch has been kind enough to really work hard on that in terms of getting it in shape to where it's at today. So I appreciate him doing the work. He's done quite a bit with it. But I think that this is an important piece and, quite frankly, I not only am satisfied, I want to stand up and support this amendment, because I think it fits into what we're trying to do here in terms of saving the cost. Now for most of you, you're going to say, hold it, what's alphanumeric plates? Well, right now in statute you have from 1 to 93, in terms of numbers of counties on the plates. They're issued in your county, was assigned, and I'm going from memory, but I think it was 1954 when...3, when we assigned those numbers, and they've remained unchanged. For 90 of those counties this bill has no impact. But the three counties that this does have an impact to, it has a substantial savings for, not only the local, but it has a substantial savings for the plates that the state issues. And alphanumeric simply means that you can...you'll have a combination of three letters and three numbers. And so you can have those issued, and there would be a sticker placed at the bottom of the plate to designate which county you were from. Now, why does that save money? Well, as Senator Lynch has explained, and I think it's accurately so, you have to print all of those plates with all the various numbers to take care of people for three years. And so what we do is we print 1-A1 through 1-Z999, and you have to store all those plates for three years, because that's how...that's how...when people come back