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in and people will have a plate. That's done in a number of counties for storage. Storage is a huge, huge problem. In fact, I think in Douglas County the storage is...is...Senator Lynch, I'm just looking at you, over \$400,000 of storage for plates. And that's a...that's where the savings is at the local level. But there is a huge savings at the state level because we won't have to print as many of those plates. If they run short from plates, they can come down to Douglas...from Douglas County to Lancaster County, or Lancaster County can go to Douglas County and retrieve a plate. Then they put the appropriate county sticker on it, and you don't have to have, for all three of these counties, large amounts of plates published and printed. It saves a lot of money to the trust fund. It reduces the number of plates that are paid for out of the Highway Trust Fund, yet never issued, because that's how you pay for them. Once the plate has been manufactured, the cost is there. If nobody comes and gets those plates, then the Highway Trust Fund loses the money to do that. That's the purpose of my bill is to reduce that loss to the trust fund. For those of you who have a great affinity, and you have license plate 1-A1, and you want to keep it, what can you do about that? You can get a message plate to reserve that number to do that. And so that's available. And you can't be in Lincoln or you can't be in another county and request that number of plate.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: So you can't appear to have a plate that makes you look like you're from Omaha, or from Lincoln, or Sarpy County, they will be reserved to those counties. The Transportation Committee has been very helpful, and Senator Bromm has been very cooperative with putting the bill together and doing this. If we were trying to do alphanumeric for the entire state, there would be 35 lights on in here. That's not the case. What we're doing is probably doing the three counties that are most likely...who want to do this and can do this. Now, there is an option in the bill, so you know what's in there, there's an option that if your county board wants to go to these types of plates and save the storage, they can do that, but it's the decision of the local county board and nobody else. With that, I support the Lynch amendment. I thank Senator Lynch for allowing us to do that and Senator Chambers for, obviously,