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county number designation to a letter, and the citizenry absolutely became unglued. Now, if you want your phones to ring off the wall over the Legislature doing really uncalled for things, do this. It doesn't make me a whole lot of difference that, you know, whether or not I have the same license plate, and I'm sure that's true of a lot of people. But there is an attachment, even in Douglas County, and even in Sarpy County, and lo and behold, even in Lancaster County for some of the license plates that people have had forever. I think this is a trip we don't have to take. I think simply the conversion, for example, from a three-year to a five-year issuance may well take care of that. Planning in the ordering of plates would help, if it's a cost factor. But I rather suspect the cost factor, with good management, isn't an insurmountable part of the county budget when it's measured against the consideration for the vehicle owners who are our constituents. So I would urge your careful consideration of this particular amendment to LB 556. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Further discussion? Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I just had some comments to make, I guess, or maybe some questions, suggestions of Senator Lynch here. Looking at the plate and the alphanumerical, and I think one of the big arguments in Nebraska has always been the identification by the county, and that's what people don't want to give up, whether it's number 4, or number 1, or number 47, or whatever it may be. And I just made a suggestion here off of the floor to Senator Lynch, and we were talking about it. And I guess we're going to use the three larger counties--Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster, you're going alphanumerically. Why don't we just start with the letter D for Douglas, the letter L for Lancaster, and then go with the alphanumerical rather than the sticker. Sometimes those stickers get worn off, taken off, lost, whatever. I'm not sure this is a big issue. I'm probably going to support it, but I just wanted to throw that idea out there, and Senator Lynch, Senator Kristensen, anybody wants to make a comment on it, they can have my time and go from there. But just a suggestion. Oklahoma, my son lives in Oklahoma, and he's got it mastered, he can tell by looking at the first letter and tell where those