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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Lynch, three minutes.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, all I can add, he did, Senator Kristensen did a good job of developing an overview that makes sense out of why this was accomplished. I know that there are people out there who are in love with their license plates, but you know it's awful hard to save government spending if we're not willing to change the system. In this case, we knew where it really didn't become a practical tax saving method in the rest of the state, but it did in our three largest counties. We received letters from those three counties' treasurers indicating for us where they thought they could save the money, and that was the basis we used to identify that 800 plus thousand dollars. Most people I know think that we should do something like this. A lot of people don't like the idea of having to pay for their special plates that have to be saved and stored and run up extraordinary costs in the treasurer's office so they can get them at their convenience. I certainly don't want to cause...none of us really want to cause extraordinary costs to continue to exist, but by not having a proposal like this, the only, I think the only proposal we had this year that, obviously, identified almost a million dollars in government spending that could be saved, and it just seems to me that we should look beyond those people who love their plates and would rather spend more money or, in fact, oppose it because they don't want to spend 30 bucks, as the case might be, but at the same time probably complain about the cost of government, and support...support the override.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Further discussion? Senator Schrock. Senator Schrock, you're recognized.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I realize I'm probably in the minority here, and I don't want to take much of your time, but I certainly like to know what county somebody's from when I see their license plate. I know, certainly, a lot of the counties, especially the ones in my area of the state. We're talking \$800,000, if you can believe those figures. That's 50 cents per person across the state. We certainly spend money a lot more foolishly in other