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you, Senator Kristensen. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion on the motion to override the Governor's veto on LB 556? Senator Bromm, followed by Senators Lynch and Hilgert.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. And Senator Crosby's questions to Senator Kristensen covered a good deal of what I was going to try to remind the body of. Just a couple of points. Senator Janssen and I were talking. The primary bill, 556, that Senator Kristensen talked about, saving the Highway Trust Fund some money, that accumulated savings, had that bill been in place over the last 15 years would have been about \$3.9 million for the Highway Trust Fund. So that part of the bill is extremely valid, and I think very helpful to the state in the coming years. Now, the second part of the bill, Senator Lynch's amendment on the alphanumeric, I think it's important, I did have a couple of contacts, I guess, at home the last couple days, it's important for people to understand that there will be a county designation, by name, by sticker instead of by number, in those three counties. So that, in some cases, I think will help people identify the county more readily than the number, because not...everyone probably knows number one, Douglas, probably number two, Lancaster, but I don't think everyone realizes what Sarpy's number is, and so the identification will be there. Secondly, I had somebody come in a couple of days ago and were really upset that they weren't going to be able to get their old number back. And after some discussion, I pointed out to them that if it had been their grandfather's or their father's and it was terribly important, would it be important enough for them to spend the \$30? And is that a better route for those people, who I suggest are way in the minority, way in the minority, that have a terrific attachment to their plate, is it fairer for them to spend the \$30 than to make all of the taxpayers subsidize, all of the taxpayers in their county subsidize their desire and attachment to have that plate? I don't fault them for having that attachment at all. But is it fairer for them to go ahead, if that's important to them, and get that number? And Senator Crosby, they could have the number two on that plate with their old number that they've had, 2-A52, if they want. Is it fairer for them to go ahead and spend that