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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Jones, I agree with this, except I didn't hear the purpose of the bill.

SENATOR JONES: The purpose of the bill, where I've got a lot of my information, was for all the courthouses clear across the state of Nebraska. They don't have to have the pile of plates there, but only once every six years, in place of every three years. And another reason is because where the prisons make these plates, they're usually a three-year contract. This way, they get two three-year contracts. That makes it six years for that. So that's another reason.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But I didn't hear the reason of saving money. Does it save money?

SENATOR JONES: It shouldn't make no difference on the money. We have an amendment coming up after this that deals with how much they have to pay for the plate. Right now, you've got to pay \$2.50 for each plate, or \$5 for a pair. And when the amendment comes up, it will be \$6.70 for the six years, then. So you'll actually save \$3.30 over the life of the six-year plate that way.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I don't know if things have changed, but when I first came here, back eons ago, this was in...we talked many times about going to five or six years, and the dilemma was, we gained more in registrations by doing it every three years than we did in saving on the plate costs. And I don't know whether that's changed, or whether you can speak to that. But we have...we had this previous bill about registrations and lack thereof. And I don't know whether that's not true today. But I know a lot of people--I'm surprised how many--slip by, or try to slip by, not registering their vehicles. And so by having new plates every three years, and obviously, a bright, shining star out there that makes it obvious, those increased registrations more than offset the additional cost of plate every three years versus every six. I mean, it seems logical what you're doing. But I am not sure it's cost-efficient in the big picture, and that's my question.