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there. We have some difficult issues, obviously, and some of them are very emotional when you start working with license plates, apparently. I also agree with Senator Chambers on the problem; is lack of enforcement. And I stand up here and I may get the wrath of county sheriffs on me, but we had a bill yesterday that at least requires them that they have to pass some sort of a test now before they can run. We're going to have to get these county sheriffs and their deputies out of their cars and writing some tickets. It's a lack of enforcement, and I think most people would agree with me it's just...it's not getting done. People are driving on expired plates for a long time in some of these cases, and sometimes it's the farmers are the worst offenders. They may take a truck out two or three or a month out of the year and use it, and never license the vehicle. It's an enforcement problem. And I don't want to increase the penalties either, if we could just get things enforced. You're right, Senator Pedersen, on the postage issue, if you want that. That fee, though, I think is to get the plate from the county treasurer to the individual's address, is what it is. It doesn't include anything dealing...getting it from CSI out to the counties. So I'm not going to quibble over that, but there is a postage situation there. What we do with Senator Smith's bill is up to Senator Smith. We need to get that back in the shape it came out of the committee, is what we need to do, it would be my estimation, and that's up to him what he wants to do with it. But, in any regard, I think it's a lack of enforcement and we need to focus on that. When we go home, we need to make sure that these county sheriffs...I know the State Patrol, it's not a high-priority item, but I do know they stop people without their tags on them way more frequently than somebody in the local counties. And in the rural, small rural counties, these sheriffs know the people and they can handle this thing. They need to get out and write some tickets and I think it would clean up the issue a lot. How much of an effect they'd have, the county officials in larger counties, I don't know, but certainly in the local counties, the counties that I represent, they could get out and do this and get the problem straightened out. So once again, I ask for support of the committee amendment which makes it a six-year rotation on license plates. We can make a dozen excuses for why we don't need to do it, but