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comment Senator Wehrbein for what he's trying to do because it could be a revenue loss here. There's no question about that. You can't deny that. But we think that since 2005 is the beginning of the issuance of a new cycle of plates, we'll have full compliance next year, 2005. That would give us next session to come back, have a bill introduced concerning late fees, interest, whatever it is we want to do to it, have a hearing, bring the bill back and it still should address the problem of nonrenewals in 2006. That's the year that they drop off. It's the year right after the new plates are issued that everybody says, oh, I've got to go get a new plate, otherwise law enforcement is quite easy to see that I don't have a new plate in 2005. But that gives us one year's window in there to address the issue with a bill. Whether it's interest, penalties, whatever, I think we can get everybody back on board by doing that. If...as far as the recommittal motion, we don't want to do that. We need to get the six plate bill passed so that we can get the...keep the process moving along here, but...and it would have to come back out on General File, so we'd have no chance probably of ever getting it passed this session. I think, I think that people have worked this out to where we can remove the amendments that are adopted, Senator Wehrbein's amendment dealing with the fee, Senator Jones' amendment to that amendment dealing with the interest, get back to the base bill, and I believe Senator Chambers...would you respond to a question, please, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BAKER: If...I know we're going to lose a vote or two back here by doing that. Well, maybe not, because I think we have a solution here, but did you say you'd vote for this if we got it back to the original form?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I support the underlying bill.

SENATOR BAKER: Okay. Fine. Thank you. I think we can address Senator Wehrbein...I know we can address his concerns here with the idea that we'll come back next session with a bill, have a hearing on it and see where it goes. We may not ever pass it, of course, but at least that takes care of it. There shouldn't