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LB 234

There is further...I can go on further with a 1982 Chevy that only has 7000 miles, another 1978 Mercedes, a 1981 Cadillac, a 1981 two-door Chevy, a 1980 Cadillac. Most everyone of these that I am reading to you, and I have 270 of them, come from one company here in Omaha that send a runner down to the title office and possibly do five to ten at a time. They are then sent to By-pass Motors in Hartsville, South Carolina. Now this is just from one firm. And let me tell you, some of these that I have in my hand here and they will be available to you if you want to see it, a 1982 Corvette, another 1982 Mercedes Benz, most of them are the big cars, very expensive cars, and they leave Nebraska. We receive a \$5 title fee from them and they go to about three or four companies here in the United States. They told me that it is very important that we change this law in the State of Nebraska because right now there is nothing they can do about it other than for a \$5 fee issue them a clean title for a salvage car. I urge you to support LB 234, and these titles that I have in front of me are available for you to come and look at. I just went through the first three or four pages, but many, many of them are the Mercedes, the Buicks, the Cadillacs, and on each page you will find at least three or four Mercedes with less than 10,000 miles on them. Thank you very much.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and members of the body, I just want you to be aware of the fact that this is an issue that is being addressed because it is being coped with in a large county that handles a lot of titles. For those of you in greater Nebraska with automobile dealers the size of "Beatrice", please realize that by having a fee attached to this inspection, you are going to increase the cost tremendously for an industry that is already having problems. They assure me, the drafters of this bill, that this particular question will be addressed on Select. I hope it will. But for those of us who operate on the periphery of the state, whose trade areas overlap into Kansas or South Dakota or Wyoming or Iowa, this is something that maybe we are using an ax to kill a fly. I don't know how many wash titles we have in Gage County, but not too many, I don't believe. So I just want you to be aware of the fact that this does exist out there. Senator Wiitala and members of the bill say that they are working with the New Car Dealers Organization to attempt to address this, but please check with your local dealers also. Thank you.