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But I can see that the body is probably tired of dealing with the issue, that we will have another point at some other period in the session when there is going to be a lot of talk about the people, the public concern for the consumer but it will just be so much talk with no substance. It is not honest addressing of the problems that consumers and the public face, it is a matter of saying those words that will look good in a newspaper or will sound good if they are quoted on the radio. But when we have the opportunity to conform our conduct in legislation to the concerns that we say we have for the consumer we will not do it. I know the new car dealers have been putting a lot of pressure on people about this bill. I know that a lot of people are going to fold because of that pressure. But, I want the record to be crystal clear, that you are, by taking this bill the way it is, being totally disregardful of the consumer. You talk about the value of this procedure but you don't want to put such a heavy burden on the manufacturer as to require him to go along with it after you compel the State Department of Motor Vehicles to put the procedure in place. You do everything for the manufacturer, everything for the new car dealer and nothing for the public. Then when you go talk to school students, students at school, you talk about the interest the Legislature has in the welfare of the public. You tell these youngsters that they ought to participate in government. That the way to get better laws are to get better people and as a result they should consider running for these offices. My problem with that is I've got too many years to wait before they get old enough to become those better people who will make better laws. I have to fight over and over and over at every step of the way to try why the opportunity presents itself to make this system do what it ought to do. This is not a consumer's bill. All of you know that it is not being in place for. . . put in place for the consumer. It is put in place for the new car dealers and you are trying to placate the manufacturer at the same time. You can't point to anything in here that is going to benefit the consumer. Even with the law as it is now, if I establish what that what I bought as a new car does not meet that designation because it is so defective, I can pursue the same kind of remedy that this bill is offering but I'm not required to jump through all the hoops that you are putting in here. So what I am going to do, after this vote, if you don't bring the bill back is seek to make this procedure mandatory on the manufacturer. Then we will find out if the new car dealers in this body are honest in what they say. If Senator Wesely