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where these people were from in the State of Nebraska. So with that in mind, there is going to be a number of amendments to change the numbers and a whole lot of things, but I cannot support putting Arbor Day on our plate. I doubt if most people would know what we are talking about. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I guess I kind of like the idea that we adopted a week or two ago when we decided that we were going to be different, we were going to have generic label license plates. It seems to me that with the handout that Senator Haberman handed out where it indicates the various things that are on license plates across this nation in the various states it occurs to me that maybe we have lost track of what license plates are all about. Now if they are to advertise for the State of Nebraska, then I suppose we should have a bidding in here, if you will, as to what we are going to advertise. If we are going to advertise the profession that I am in or the profession that somebody else is in or Arbor Day or something else that might have taken place in this state or be unique to this state and by the way there are several things that are unique to this state. If we want to talk about one of the things, we could put Unicameral Legislature on it perhaps. But I thought the purpose of license plates was for identification of the vehicle, for identification for our law enforcement officials and also for the collection, if you will, of revenue to the counties and the states because of the taxes, registration and so forth. I thought that was the purpose so that we could have a method of identifying vehicles for protection from those people who may steal vehicles that we may have a method of identifying vehicles for the law enforcement officials, things of that nature, and I thought that was what license plates are all about. And I suggest to this body that we go back to the Beyers - Chambers amendment that we have got on LB 118 right now, that we leave that there, and, in fact, do have generic license plates. Maybe what we need to do is just put Plain Label on them. We could write that on there or write Generic on it perhaps. We seem to be doing that more and more in the grocery stores and various places, so why don't we do that on these plates.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise in support of Senator Carsten's amendment.