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for the law enforcement officials and I urge the body's adoption of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, certainly there is nothing new about this. I tried this about four years ago. I think it is the ideal way to go. I don't know where he gets 20,000,000. The best I could ever get was 13,000,000 combinations out of this which is surely ample for Nebraska with a million and a half cars. I don't know whether you realize it or not, but when you issue new plates, if you issue the same numbers we had before, they are going to have to issue all those plates at one time because you will never know whether 39-68 is issued in December or January or when it is issued so you have to have that plate on hand. If you issue them this way they will not have to make as many plates for each county because everyone will get a new number. You can also realize what happens in Omaha where you have six or seven places that you are issuing license plates. I don't know how in the world you would know where to go to get your new number if you had an old number that you wanted back again. I don't know how you would do that. But this way is the simplest way in the world to do it. I tried to do it and Governor Thone absolutely refused to go to an alphanumeric system, maybe because he got a lot of abuse from people that have the same number year after year after year and they wanted it back, but I think this is the ideal way to go. It will save us money. Also it will save the penitentiary from making these plates, making a few plates for each county instead of all of them at one time. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the amendment for several reasons but one of them is that I represent Hooker County and some of the people in my county would not like to have that on their license plate and so I suggest that we keep the numbering system rather than putting the name of the county on the license plate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: That was one of the best arguments I have heard. I loved it. Mr. President, I am going to rise to oppose this amendment but I am going to vote for it. That is for those people that are trying to figure out whether I am going to help or hurt, I think I ought to give you an opportunity to be on both sides of the issue. I would