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the other numbers so it is easier to read than the new license plates would be. I think Senator Lamb mentioned that the county name would probably only be an inch tall or so and so they would be hard to read. As to getting the same number back, I understand that would be up to the county treasurer. If they would want to hold your number back, they could do this but they wouldn't have to. I also had an opportunity to visit with some residents of Iowa over the weekend and they have the same license plate numbering system as the new proposal would have been, the same as the Rod Johnson proposal, and their biggest complaint there was that they cannot see the county name until they get real close to the license plate. And so I am going to go along with the DeCamp amendment this morning.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR HOWARD PETERSON: Mr. President, I would call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I don't see five hands. I do now. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on ceasing debate? We have a list of 10 more people up here that want to speak so it would take about 50 minutes. Record the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 15 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has not ceased. Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President, and members, I think we are all for progress. We would like to see advancement for the good of the public. Now whether Senator Johnson's proposal of the alphanumeric system qualifies as an advancement or progress for the good of the state is quite debatable, quite questionable, I think. I know that when I was home this last weekend, I fielded some questions regarding the status of Lincoln and Omaha because of repeal of the food tax, but the bulk of the interest was focused on license plates and I didn't have one person in favor of the proposal. So I am speaking for my constituents when I say I wholeheartedly endorsed Senator John DeCamp's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and colleagues, I was in my dealership on Saturday of this weekend and I would like to tell you that I talked to a lot of people, fortunately, but none of them asked me about the sales tax, none of them

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