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SENATOR CLARK: Well, we still have seven against you here. I see five hands. All those wishing to cease debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate does not cease. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the DeCamp amendment. I think the other day we were so busy discussing slogans that we really never gave much thought to the numbering system. I thought the numbering system that Senator Rod Johnson proposed was pretty good. I have two reasons for opposing the change. One, I was also home over the weekend. I think I had more pointed remarks on this issue than probably any other that we have had. Definitely in my area I think the sentiment is ninety-nine to one opposed to changing the system. But I have another reason that I think has a little bit more substance and that is that out in the country we have a lot more rural crime than we used to have, and today when we are driving on the road and we see cars in the later hours of the evening and that car doesn't carry the 44 license plate or of a county surrounding or even if it isn't any other county, immediately we are a little suspicious. We begin to wonder, now, is that somebody that is visiting friends or is it somebody out as I believe last fall a car parked near my home was...I think they were out gathering some of that weed that grows so tall around the streams. Of course, that didn't bother me as much as the fact that we do have a lot of theft on the farms and people are becoming conscious. They are watching cars, and in case of some burglary in the area, somebody may have seen the car, and I believe it will help at least keep rural crime down a little bit if everyone as today, and I think this is true all over the area, people are beginning being conscious of the cars that prowl around the countryside at night and I think we would have a lot better chance of making identifications if we kept our present number system. And beside like I say, the new system is certainly not popular in my area. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we have certainly gone around and around on the issue of license plates, and I still believe personally that Senator Rod Johnson and those who supported the alphanumeric system were on the right track. It looks as though there is a change of direction here with a number of Senators but I thought in the discussion, Senator Lamb talked about Hooker