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doctor with the card, it can be put there so that I can drive her right to the door and assist her to get out. Without the use of a card, I would be unable to assist someone so both items are needed. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I would just give a brief explanation here, Mr. Speaker. The license plates with the little wheelchair handicap insignia on it are issued only to paraplegics, that is all. Now the decals or the cards that I am talking about are given by city officials to the handicapped persons other than paraplegics. The Department of Motor Vehicles actually issues the cards but only after the city or the political subdivision is given proof by a doctor that this person is truly handicapped and unable to walk a great distance so that is basically the reason why we have the cards and why you also have the license plates, and on behalf of the handicapped, I would urge you to adopt the amendment, and if Senator Wesely has a list of handicapped persons or organizations he would like me to contact and advise them of this change that I am requesting, I will be happy to do so.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Higgins amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Higgins' amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Higgins amendment is adopted. Senator Higgins, do you wish to talk about the bill?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief because I never really thought this was that important of a bill to everybody and that everybody should be behind it. First of all, this does not just apply to Omaha. It applies to any political subdivision and now that the amendment of the committee has been adopted the bill would read this way, "Whenever any law enforcement employee who is employed by a political subdivision of the state and specifically empowered by ordinance to act shall find a vehicle standing