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LB 719

Pirsch, Remmers, Pappas, Sieck, Barrett, Lowell Johnson, Wagner, Richard Peterson, Carsten, Lundy, Howard Peterson, Eret, Goll. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 4 of this year. It was referred to the Public Works Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Have order in the Chamber, please. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, this is a bill that was signed by quite a few senators, I believe 36 in all, and I want to thank you all for cosponsoring this bill with me. This bill provides for the issuance of temporary license plate renewal tabs to motorists whose registrations must be renewed early in 1984 but whose plates have not been manufactured. Once the plates are produced and delivered to the county treasurers, the tab holders would pick them up at the county treasurer's office or at the county treasurer's option they may be mailed out. I want to call your attention to it that this is permissive legislation. If the county treasurers do not wish to participate, they do not have to. This also extends the expiration date of the January plates to February 15th of 1984. The cost of this bill is minimal, less than five cents a tab. The Department of Motor Vehicles will pick up the cost of this and the fiscal impact is, or it was estimated at approximately \$1600. Since that time, however, we have received some good news. Holly Jensen, the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, says that she is going to allow these county treasurers to use those tabs that expire in 1984 and so we will not have to print as many of these temporary tabs as we had planned. So I would say that the fiscal impact could be less than a thousand dollars. And I realize this is not a perfect plan, but most of the motorists who want the same number that they had previously would be able to receive, would be able to receive them. There, however, is an exception. Those motorists with the higher alphabet and number perhaps would not be able to receive those because this year we will not be manufacturing those high a number of plates. But I do not believe that those motorists are as attached to those numbers as are the motorists that have the low alphabet and the low number. This act terminates May 1st, 1984 because we will not have