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SENATOR MARESH: How about the second question. If there has been a drop. Have you heard? Drop in the violations.

SENATOR STROMER: That's what I'm not aware of.

SENATOR MARESH: I see.

SENATOR STROMER: You are talking about in relationship to that since we adopted the Social Security Number

SENATOR MARESH: Right.

SENATOR STROMER: I don't think there's been any direct bearing on that because you could still put in whatever Social Security Number you want.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you Senator Stromer. I would support the Waldron amendment. I don't think a photograph does a lot of good. If somebody grows a beard or lets their hair grow long, then it changes the appearance of the person and it would be pretty hard to identify it as the same person. Also it sort of bothers me that about once a week I get a letter from the Poloroid Corporation supporting this bill and quoting figures what it cost in other states. I think it's because of their benefits on this bill. So I would oppose the photographs-

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and would support the fingerprinting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now is there any further discussion on the Waldron amendment. Any further discussion of the Waldron amendment. All right, Senator Waldron you may close on your amendment. This is Senator Waldron closing on his amendment.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. If what the sponsors of this bill are actually trying to do is to bring about more active identification they should go to the fingerprint method. Also, let me assure you whatever the method you go to if there's an individual who is going to falsify their..his drivers license he's going to be able to do it just as easily with a fingerprint or with a photograph as he can now. Because that..all is required he puts his photograph on it, if that's what you decide to do or his fingerprint on it. So you are never going to do away with the falsification of the drivers license by this method or other methods. So that is not the reason. The main reason that the people want this bill is to give the merchants a better form of identification and let the taxpayers pick up the bill for this. And that's why it's ..I think we should go the route..if we really want to do this..go the route which will be the least expensive. And that is the route of the fingerprint which can be put on the licenses around 10¢, where the photograph is going to cost everybody a dollar more, I believe it is around a dollar every time they need a drivers license which is once every four years. So I ask you to adopt this amendment if you are really interested in having a better means to identify a person through their drivers license.