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SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body, and Senator Warner, I apologize for not having an opportunity to discuss this with you earlier. This suggestion was made to me by a constituent. It was one that's not unusual. It's done in a number of states. I haven't had the opportunity to do much research. Senator Warner, did your committee look at that concept?

SENATOR WARNER: I think, Senator...no, that's a concept that might be looked at, Senator Simon. I believe there has been and perhaps there is this time legislation introduced which I don't know if it was killed in committee or still in committee. It's a subject that does come up from time to time and usually is controversial, but I think it would be more appropriate as long as we're not issuing plates anyway that the possibility of what you're suggesting ought to be incorporated and I think the language probably does incorporate it in an interim study between now and next year.

SENATOR SIMON: Well, I'll only make a couple of comments then, Senator Warner. I will defer to your judgment and withdraw the amendment. It seems to me that if we're looking at trying to provide economical considerations that the simplest solution would be this amendment, and that would be just require one license plate. As Senator Warner has mentioned the front license plate is the one that gets banged up all the time and that's the one that usually falls off the car. I know it's true in my case. And as far as the law enforcement officials needing the use of license plates which they definitely do, the back one is really the one that they need. A number of states, as I said, have gone to using just the one license plate. Obviously if you have cut down from two to one you decrease your cost by approximately fifty percent. In addition, Senator Warner, I might mention that another consideration that we might take a look at is the fact that since the back license plate is not the one that gets banged up, I don't know that we really even need to replace it at all until it becomes necessary by the individual to replace it. What I'm saying is that a back license plate, as long as you keep putting on the stickers year after year could be kept by an individual for five, six, seven, eight or nine years or more, and further we could cut costs. I guess I'm not really sure and I think maybe I will leave the amendment on and at least let a trial balloon run up. It seems to me that