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the money saved would be very much in the interest of the state and all taxpayers, and so I support the Clark motion and urge your support for it as well.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, and then Senator Schmit and then Senator Warner.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, a question of Senator Clark if I could.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Are we working on this problem at the present time? In other words, what I want to know is if we put it off now, are we going to be in the same boat next session. We are going to say, well, it is too late again to do anything about it.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I am going to put in a resolution to study that this summer. Here is the position I think we are in right now. If we use the same numbering system we are using right now, the plates are not issued in the first two months like they used to be when you were a County Commissioner. They are issued all through the year. That means you are going to have duplicate plates. About half of them, through the year, will be duplicates. The State Patrol just goes bananas when you talk like that, to have duplicate plates. People won't know when the plate was issued. They just put it out. So you are going to have to go off the numeric any way you look at it. An alphanumeric system means that you could not only not have to put them all out at one time so that you would have to store them in the court houses, you could put them out on a schedule. Also, the Penitentiary would be on a schedule. They know how many plates are issued every month, and this is what would happen. You get a new plate and you know you are going to hold that same plate then for seven years if this goes through, and otherwise it would be six years. You still hold that one plate. So I imagine six years will be long enough for someone to learn their new license plate number in the first place. In the second place, what I would like to see happen is, and what we are trying to propose, is to have the county name on the bottom of the plates so you know what county it is from. Now, we will not be in the same position if we go alphanumeric next year.

SENATOR KAHLE: I guess I am kind of disappointed. We have been putting this off for the last two or three years and I know that there are a lot of plates in the State of Nebraska that are not readable any more, and many of them are so beat