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up you can't tell what they are. Do we have any plan of replacing any of those with....I know you would have to have a different number. I happened to trade around and got some new numbers the other day...or not the other day, a couple months ago and, gee, they look nice, and the ones on my other car look terrible and I can't read them. So I wonder if we are really saving money by putting this thing off another year.

SENATOR CLARK: I think it is a dollar and a half that you can get the same number back by ordering the same number. You can get it from the Penitentiary, the same number that you have now but it is a replacement cost of a dollar and a half to get that same number, and I will agree with you that out in my country where we have a lot of gravel roads out there, a lot of those numbers are certainly not visible any more. But the people here, look at the numbers that are on the street today, and you don't know whether those numbers were issued last week, last month, last year, or five or six years ago. You don't know that. You just say that they will last another year. I will agree with you that a lot of ours will not but they can get replacement numbers, yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, well I would hope that something would be done then like you mentioned to get this program working because we wait until the next session again we are going to be in the same position we are today.

SENATOR CLARK: I think we are going to have to go alpha-numeric to get it done. You are right.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit. The motion is to return the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I also recall that last year we stretched the life of the license plates by one year. At that time there were law enforcement people who were concerned about the fact that the plates were becoming difficult to read because of the loss of the reflective material. We are going to stretch them another year now. I know that that sounds interesting, but I just want to remind you that with twenty percent inflation which we also have at the present time that when we make those plates next year those plates may very well cost us an extra three million dollars instead of two million. So, I really don't have a big