

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Chairman, members that are in the chamber, I, too, rise in opposition to the committee amendments many of the points that have formerly been articulated by Senator Cullan. Now if you have ever driven in the City of Omaha from 72nd Street to 120th Street on Dodge you know that there are a number of new car dealers out there and I will be quite candid in saying that I have been contacted by a number of people relative to this particular issue. Now the committee amendments as I understand them alters the makeup of the board from what is presently an industry makeup to one that it would be consumer oriented. It would reduce it from the present ten members to seven, would have three consumers serving on this board, three from the industry and also the Director of Motor Vehicles. Presently it is my understanding that there are eight industry members that serve, one consumer and the Director of Motor Vehicles. Now in talking with people I asked whether or not there seemed to be justification for such a change and it seemed to be, the information that I obtained, that there was not a need at the present time for a comprehensive change that is suggested by the committee amendments. I attempted to find where there were areas of abuse to see whether or not justification would be given for making the change that we are making and I could not find that. I also know that this particular board was reviewed this year for its continuance and through the sunset review process Senator Warner, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, appeared before the Public Works Committee and gave no recommendations as far as making a change in the present commission. The board at the present time is self-supporting. It is a cash funded agency. It requires no state dollars and I think that we would not be very prudent at the present time if we attempted to make a change in a board that seems to be functioning quite well. So I would oppose the committee amendments and advise that subsequently, if the bill is returned to its present form and that would accomplish two things. First, continue the present board and make two minor changes as far as advertising goes. Then Senator Wesely and myself have some additional amendments that I think will address some of the issues that people do have concerns about. So I would oppose the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I am here to back what my good friend, Senator Stoney and Senator Cullan have said. I can see no reason for the amendments. The bill in itself is to make certain that the commission keeps going but I am a little puzzled. Senator Kremer, who asked that these amendments be adopted? Can you tell me?