

vehicles. I got it here. This study shows that the sale of used vehicles is the number one consumer complaint in the country. It says simply that we have got to do better by our consumers and we don't do better by our consumers. Let me tell you a story. Last September 6 a young lady came to me and she said, Vard, she said, I bought this car from a car dealer in Omaha. It is a used car, she said, and I am supposed to make my regular payments to this used car dealer. I am supposed to make my payments on the third day of the month and I had my money on the third day of the month and it was Saturday, she said and the fourth day of the month was Sunday and the fifth day of the month was Labor Day, she said and on the sixth day of the month the car dealer repossessed my automobile before I could get in with my money and so I went to the car dealer with my money, my monthly payment, and the car dealer said, oh, it is too bad. You've got to pay the whole thing now. So I looked at the motor vehicle industry licensing statute, and I said, surely it will deal with the situation and you know something, it deals with fraudulent repossessions, with fraudulent repossessions. There is a good question here as to whether there was truly fraud because after all she was to pay it on September 3 and hadn't paid it and I called this car dealer and he laughed at me and I said we can go to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board and he laughed at me. It didn't mean anything and here is another woman who has been adversely affected by the practices that can go on in the sale of used cars. Now all Senator Beutler's amendment does is say, let's make the sale of used cars subject to the Consumer Protections Act and I say let's do that. The reason they are not subject to the Consumer Protections Act right now is because the Consumer Protections Act specifically says that any regulated industry shall not be so subject.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR JOHNSON: So what has happened is that the used car dealers are subject to the operations of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Act which is a sham and they say, hey, that does it for us. We are exonerated. Now you know, Senator Cullan, what we did this year with the funeral directors. We made them subject to the Consumer Protection Act and I say what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. It is the right thing to do. So, fellow members, just because somebody has said, let's get LB 820 passed in the original form, do not pass up the opportunity to correct our law and do what is right. Think, think. Vote green on this amendment. It is a good, solid, right amendment.