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LB 290

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion first of all is the return of the bill. Any further discussion? Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Maresh's amendment. We have no reason to believe that this state can not function with one license plate. I'm sure that when we have development of the procedure of license plates for the next year, which will be considered, the recommendation will come to us whether or not we should have one license plate and what advantage that would be other than just a money saving device, whether it is indeed a safety factor and a factor that helps the law enforcement officials to carry on better enforcement of law. I would suggest since we are deferring the license plate issue for another year that it would not be proper for us to argue on that issue at the present time. So I would oppose Senator Maresh's motion to return for....Select File to strike the Haberman amendment which was to have only one license.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support the motion to return LB 290 to Select File to strike the Haberman amendment. I feel that we need two license plates on our vehicles. I realize that it is going to save a little bit of money but I think that we need the two license plates for the law enforcement officers to use. I think that Senator Maresh has a good idea and we should see fit to return this bill to Select File and strike this other amendment. So, I would urge you to vote for this motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I also support Senator Maresh in his endeavor. I think we made a mistake the other day. From what I can learn from my constituents and from the law officials in the cities, counties and the state they would much rather have the two plates. I know as a citizen I would much rather have the two plates because I can walk down the street and see the numbers without walking around behind the cars when they are parked diagonally. It just seems silly to me, they talk about it being a money saving proposition. If we are going to have our plates last us six to seven years you divide that by the amount of money we are going to save and it is a rather small amount. But the people that I visited with the last two weekends, I have not found one that thought we were so hard up that we couldn't