

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 759 was a bill introduced by Senator Marvel at the request of the Governor and Senator Warner. (Read title). The bill was read on January 11th of this year and referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Warner on the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the bill was introduced for the Governor and I had my name added, as you know, Senator Marvel is not here. But it was to defer the issuance of new license plates for one year. I notice on the desk that there are some other amendments. I have no idea what the Governor's position is on those since it is his bill, but I would move that the bill be advanced and in the absence of Senator Marvel I guess I don't know if I want to take a position on the amendments at this time, I wouldn't know if they are appropriate or not, but at least I think the bill ought to be advanced today because it is important that it be advanced in the event that the new issuance of plates is not going to occur and I don't think it should be held up. I move its advancement.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Clark and that amendment is on page 840 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, what this amendment would do would be to put one license plate on the rear of the automobile and in the year that the new issue would come out there would be one dollar additional charge so that the people will pay for the license plate. Let me explain to you what has been happening. Right now we have plates such as Senator Vickers has displayed back there which is a common plate out in my country, that you can't even read any more. People are highly disturbed by the fact that they are paying \$16.50 and getting a little tag and that is all that they are getting. They are not getting a new plate, they are not getting a change of color. As nearly as I can figure out by the figures I have received 15 or 20% of the people out in the state are not registering their automobiles at all. We are losing the entire \$16.50 and you and I are picking up that difference. I would like to see the license plates changed. I don't care if they are in cardboard. I would just like to see them out there changed to a new color so that we could pick up those 15-20% of the people that are not registering their plates at the present time. What is happening is it is costing about two million dollars now