

cannot afford it to obtain it. The purpose of government is not to encourage vanity and wastefulness. If there are people trying to rear a family and to them it is more important to have something on their license plate like I am it, I am number one, or whatever, the government should not encourage the person to indulge in that extravagance in order that the government can get money from that person, which the individual cannot afford to pay. It seems that the body is intent on reducing this amount. I don't believe what I've heard is really the whole truth. I don't think people are just saying reduce this so that a farmer in Senator Cudaback's district, who has trouble keeping his tractor running, can put a license plate on his car saying whatever he wants to say, maybe it is IMBROK, I'm broke. Maybe that's what he wants to put on his license plate, and then somebody will say, well, see, that's why you are broke. If you would spend your money in a more sensible way, you wouldn't be broke. You got what you deserve. You ought to take broke off there and put IMAFL or FUL. You know, I am a fool. This whole thing puts the government in a position that you should not want to see the government in. Vanity is a trait that maybe everybody shares in, and maybe for some people it helps make their boat float. What they decide in their personal life and what they decide is necessary for them to make it through this world is not for me to determine. But as a member of this Legislature, I have something to say about the policies of this state. And the policy which I hear being recommended is that we take a frill, which might be outside the reach of people, and try to bring it just within their reach so they can scrimp and save and lay aside so that they can get this, which is not really needed. If J.C. Penny's is going to stick them, that is J.C. Penny's. They are in what they do as a business strictly for the profit and they don't care if your kids go hungry to give them what they charge for their product. The government is not in the business of selling products for a profit. The government might do that, but that's not what the purpose of government is. And you all can talk all this stuff you want to, Senator Wehrbein, Senator Cudaback, Senator Horgan, Senator Kristensen, Senator Moore, about all these deserving people who need this license plate, and they need the government to give it to them. I think that is wrong. I think it is inappropriate, and for my part, I would rather see them just do away with this whole thing of prestige plates, because I will tell you what the purpose of it is. You all talk about divisions in society, those divisions being created, maintained and encouraged if when the government sets something out there that says if you get