

this, not only are you different, but you are above and better than somebody else. So if you are going to create that kind of situation, make those who want to be in that position, make them pay for it. The state should not even do it, but since you are intent on doing it, why make a bad situation worse. We got two poor people in our district, Senator Cudaback, and the only way one can seem to be better than the other is to take some money and put this plate on a lic...this plate on a car, and maybe the car is not really worth the amount of the plate, but the state has told him, you put this plate on there, and somehow you are better than other people. People notice you. This gives you identity. This gives you status. This gives worth. This gives you a reason for being in this world. When you get in that car and people see a word on that license plate that is not on somebody else's, you are better somehow because the government has said so, and that's what you all want to do. That's the way I see what you are doing. It is more to me than just putting words on a plate instead of numbers. I see it as something which is divisive, something which is class oriented, and something which is devised, divide...designed to make distinctions between people and set them apart, some as being better and some as being worse. I guess that's why I become more exercised about some of these issues than you all do. You all look at a lot of things from the surface because you all don't deal with people who face the stress, the disappointments, and those other negative feelings that come when you are always put down, and everything you see reminds you that somebody is supposed to be better, and here is the government saying you can get it, Senator Cudaback, because you've got money, you can't get it, Senator Robak, because you haven't got enough, so we shouldn't even have it. But if you insist on having it, if you insist on it, the price for one of these plates ought to be \$1,000. If they are going to have the state participate in saying they are better than somebody else, make them pay and it ought to be \$1,000 for renewal because people know who the rich people are anyway, and they may not engage in garish displays. They might not be the ones really who put this kind of thing on their car, but those who would be. So I am offering a midpoint to try to mitigate the harm that I see being done, and I hope you will adopt the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When I was studying history, old money in the old country meant something. If your family was born to wealth,