

money came from because money buys those things. And in the meantime, our children see these things. They absorb these things, and when they behave the way people will whose attitudes are based on these principles, we want to ask them, where have your values gone? They don't have people teaching them things that are of value. We speak the words but our example is lacking, and we, as a government, want to pretend that these things we do are really insignificant, inconsequential, and they don't contribute to any of this, but it does. Why do people strive to get that license with the word on it? Why does it have so much significance? Because there are more with it than without it, and we encourage...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...people to feel that your value as a person, a human being, does, indeed, consist in what you possess, not what you are. But, see, if this society really operated on the principles that it talks about, then whether somebody is in rags and shoeless and doesn't know where his or her next meal is coming from, the same intrinsic value attaches to that person as it does to John D. Rockefeller and his kids, but we talk that, we don't mean it. This prestige license plate concept is one of the worst things I think this state could have done. I cannot overcome the entire thing. You all would probably hang me up on the cross like they did Jesus if I tried to do that. So all I am saying is let's compromise with the devil, let's compromise our principles a little less.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Hall. I wonder if I could ask Senator Moore a question please.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Moore, would you respond please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: As I looked at this, I had a problem. I was trying to figure out why the number was 33. Was there some magic reason why the number 33 was decided on?

SENATOR MOORE: I don't know the answer to that, Senator Vrtiska.