

go to your county, you will find out they don't want them at all, just to bring that up. It costs them a lot more to do it. Maybe it is time now to ask for that extra couple of dollars to go back to the county from the fee of this to help offset the extra cost they have to sort these plates out every time they come in. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We talked a little bit earlier today about what's taxes and what aren't. But whether you are buying a plate, whether you are paying income or sales tax, or whether you are doing it on anything, it is a form of tax. We are talking here about a voluntary form of tax paid by people for a privilege of having the state prepare whatever they want to say. The law of diminishing returns says that perhaps the 33 is right. Anyway, no matter how you cut it, everything we are doing here is to raise some tax money to help the state, whether it is a user tax, a general use tax, property tax, or whatever it is, and, hopefully, we can get this thing accomplished and I'd support the committee amendment as it stands.

SENATOR LINDSAY PRESIDING

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Oh, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. It's getting late in the evening and I think our conversation is liable to be sliding downhill but Senator Beutler raised an interesting point, and for people that want to...are worried about what this is going to call for, \$33, \$24, \$38, \$48, \$65, \$85, with a little innovation, you don't have to spend anything extra, folks. Senator Beutler, if you can picture in your mind a 17-year-old GMC pickup, ugliest color you ever saw, the fenders rotted out, belongs to me, is my pride and joy, and the license says 911. So thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Is there anyone who wishes to speak on the amendment? There being no further lights on, Senator Kristensen to close on this portion of the committee amendments.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. The part of the amendment that we are going to