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year-old Joseph Wallace, allegedly at the hands of his mother. Joseph was returned to his mother by DCFS and the state courts.

Police wiretapping

Legislation that expands the

ability of police to use wiretaps and hidden tape recorders in criminal investigations was approved by the Senate and sent to the House. Sponsors said the law is intended give officers and informants a measure of safety during undercover operations.

PLATES: 187 categories cause confusion, secretary of state says

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being issued because re-equipping all the cars, trucks and motorcycles in Illinois is estimated to cost between \$8 million and \$10 million, he said.

"It's very expensive, so we've put it off," Ryan said. "But we're going to have to face it because we've had the same plates now for a long time."

The task force also will consider whether Illinois should quit requiring plates on the front of vehicles in a cost-costing move, as some other states now do, Ryan said. That idea isn't popular with police, but cutting down on the number of different plates is.

"It definitely makes it easier for an officer on the road to identify a plate if all of the plates are alike,"

Illinois State Police spokesman Mark McDonald said. "But that's a battle we quit fighting long ago because every year, there are so many new plates coming out."

Ryan also suggested the number of Chicago parking tickets wrongly issued to suburban and downstate drivers would drop if there were fewer types of license plates. Frequently, the same sequence of numbers may be repeated on car and taxi plates, causing confusion for police, he said.

The 20-member panel being assembled will include members of the General Assembly, police, car dealers and other interests. The panel, which also includes state Sen. Beverly Fawell, a Wheaton Republican, will meet next month and present a list of recommendations to the General Assembly next spring, Ryan said.

tween censorship and voluntary conditions," Simon said. "Clearly, the answer is voluntary conditions. We don't want to stifle creativity. But we have to recognize that in the free society we have a problem."

"Just as the violence sells," Simon continued, "we have to have a higher standard than what sells."

Simon made the remarks in Washington, D.C., at a hearing of his Judiciary Committee subcommittee on the Constitution.

He is sponsor of the TV Violence Act, which would grant the TV industry an antitrust exemption to work together to calm murder and mayhem on the tube.

Simon pointed to information in two major medical journals.

"The American Psychological Association last year reported that accumulated research clearly demonstrated a correlation between viewing violence and aggressive behavior," he said. "Heavy viewers behave more aggressively than light viewers. Children and adults who watch a large number of aggressive programs tend to hold attitudes and values that favor the use of aggression to solve conflicts."



Edward at the opening house. Associated Press Photo