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GM's Hummer Approaching Junkyard

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The <u>recently announced demise of the Hummer</u> (which may not be a "done deal", as the <u>Wall Street Journal</u> has reported this morning that <u>General Motors</u> is revisiting two other offers) is only one more in what is rapidly becoming a rather long list of disappearing "name-plates".

Of course, the shock wave began several years ago, when we sadly said good-bye to Oldsmobile.

Now, invested dealers, and consumers, have or will take a hit with the discontinuance of Hummer, <u>Saturn</u>, <u>Pontiac</u>, possibly <u>Saab</u> and others not far behind.

The only good news (and it's not much) is that most states have statutory provisions that require a manufacturer to provide continued parts and service support to the dealer (for the benefit of the consumer) of the discontinued line-make, for a period of time. In Virginia, that support is required for at <u>least five years</u> from the date of discontinuance.

What else could be done?

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