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advanced from general file to E&R initial. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, 22 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. This brings up L.B. 176, Senator Keyes' bill. Assistant Clerk will give us the situation on that.

CLERK: Mr. President, the bill was read on February 9th. Committee amendments were also adopted that day. (read) The Mahoney amendment was adopted which amends the Whitney amendment which is now pending.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Maybe you had better read the Whitney amendment so we'll know where we are.

CLERK: The Whitney amendment reads (read) The Mahoney amendment, which amended that amendment reads (read).

SPEAKER: All right, who wants to start, Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, to refreshen the memories of the Senators that were here last Friday. Senator Keyes came in with this particular amendment which, at the time that it was explained we were busy doing many other things and it wasn't fully, he did a good job of explaining it but it wasn't fully clear in the minds of the Senators that the wording in there was free and at that point it was not the required amount of votes and we didn't have the amendment taken off, is that correct, Senator Keyes? And so then, my amendment was to try to attempt to use different language and the language was that these licenses shall be issued at no cost and so this would be a second attempt at the Keyes amendment but an attempt to clarify the language and to explain it a little greater and I think that this is going to be such a small group of people involved that as it was explained by Senator Keyes, really it would be no great numbers and it can't hardly increase and it should be worthy of being accepted, this amendment to the Whitney amendment.

SPEAKER: Well, for sake of the Chair's clarification, when you say at no cost, do you mean cost of the special plates or no cost for the license plate period?

SENATOR MAHONEY: As I understand it, it would be at no cost for the license plate.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Now, Senator Kremer. We're still speaking on the Whitney amendment here as amended by Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, that is true but as I understand the Whitney amendment as amended by Senator Mahoney, it takes the bill back to its original intent; that they are issued free of all cost, right?

SPEAKER: That's the Chair's understanding.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, it isn't, I did check with the Department of Motor Vehicles and it isn't the number of people that will be applying for this that will bring about the cost but it is the purchase of the molds, and they say it's quite costly, if you issue only one or two or a dozen or a hundred whatever it may be. After you once have the mold, the cost comes in after that. Now, I'm certainly for doing all we can for the paraplegic, but as I stated in my comments the other day when this was discussed, I think we're opening up something here that may cause us some problem in the future. Now something was pointed