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strong a hike in their fees and I would ask for your help to adopt my amendment. We can get these fees so high that there will be half of the people take a chance on fishing or hunting without a license as we only have 56 conservation officers in the state. The law of averages, of course, will be against them. I would feel, personally, that if we hold it down to a moderate increase that more people will buy the permits, and in the long run, we will end up with more money in the kitty. I would ask for your support in the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I am not going to repeat myself and so I will be just very brief. Senator Lewis, a few minutes ago, said that it is not enough the way it is. We have got a serious, serious problem. We have presented this to the state through the news media. The hunters have agreed to accept this and I think, if they are willing to bear the burden and carry the load and have accepted these figures and attack this problem, any watering down of these fees at this point would be very hypocritical. It is putting our head in the sand and I would urge that we keep this, very strongly that we keep this portion of the bill intact because there is no sense in watering it down anymore. If anything, it is not high enough but we have to come to some kind of a point as to what the public can bear and I think we are at that point and so I would urge the defeat of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I, too, like Senator Dworak, would oppose lowering the fees. I sent out a good many letters on this telling them what it was going to do and you know I never received one letter back from anybody that opposed the fee, the habitat stamp, or anything else. I did have a good many people that were 65 years of age wanting to know if this was going to apply to them, and when I understand that it was not going to apply to them, I am going to support this bill in its entirety and I do believe that we should leave the fees like they are. The amazing thing about this bill is that all the sportsmen, it doesn't make any difference where they are at, whether they are in the city or outstate, they all want the bill and they want it and there was only one farmer come in and said that he was in favor of it and would possibly rent his land to them. So if we are going to have the sportsmen in favor of it and if they can't partake of...the farmers don't rent their land to them, I think we ought to review this bill in two years and find out what they are doing with the money because I sure don't want them to keep collecting the money if they can't lease any farm land.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, you do not wish to speak on this? Senator Maresh. Senator Dickinson. Senator Kime.