

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Can we lower down the conversation level, please, so (gavel) we can hear the speaker. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, a few years ago we set up a central indexing system, as you know. As we've moved along we make little corrections and adjustments from time to time. This is a UCC bill then that tampers a little with that system, brought to us by the Filing Council. The current system goes as follows: We charge \$2.00 when somebody makes an inquiry, either by telephone or one by writing, which has to be replied to by writing. Traditionally, if somebody physically, and personally goes into the Secretary of State's office, or the courthouse, or wherever and makes a personal inspection, there is no charge at all. However, the Secretary of State is concerned that the system could be abused, and he claims has been abused. So what we've done is we say, okay, the person that goes in physically and inspects still gets to do it for nothing, however, with respect to the Secretary of State's office, this is what the amendment does, it says if you check one individual on a daily basis, would check more than ten of these filings then they would have a charge of \$1.00 per filing for each check over the number of ten. So I would move adoption of the committee amendments and the bill. As I say, it just clarifies that there is no charge if you physically go in. The amendment makes it clear though, however, above ten checks you would have a \$1.00 fee in the Secretary of State's office.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion on the committee amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, after Senator DeCamp clarified, I have to ask for clarification. Senator DeCamp, you are saying that if people make a...are they able to make a search on their own without anybody undertaking it, or must somebody in the Secretary of State's office do the checking?

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, I guess they put them in front of a computer and the Secretary of State assists, as I understand it. They have to have some personnel to run the computer because they don't just turn the computer over to anybody.