

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the Banking Department requested that I introduce this bill. LB 642 would amend statutes regarding fees charged and collected by the Department of Banking for various services. The bill would provide that the fees would be established by the Director of Banking by administrative rule and regulation. The bill would delete from statute the listing of services with specific dollar amounts for each. Passage of LB 642 would eliminate the need for the Legislature to continually introduce bills to update this schedule of fees. Now there is some protection though. Under this bill in order to adjust the fee, the Director of Banking would have to comply with the Administrative Procedure Act which requires notice, a public hearing, and other procedural requirements before these fees can be changed. These fees are cash funds and now comprise less than 3 percent of the total revenue derived from financial institutions. I'd urge you to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 211, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 211, a bill introduced by Senators Miller and Langford. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Government Committee, Mr. President. (See Standing Committee amendments, AMO357, printed separate from the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, in the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Government Committee and with Senator Remmers permission who is the ranking member of the Government Committee at this point, I'm going to handle the committee amendments. It is probably appropriate that I do so because I was the one that had the biggest objection to the bill initially. I had secured the signatures of a couple of other members to pull the bill from consent calendar last time. We have sat down with the affected parties and the introducers have struck an agreement that I think does the balance between helping the people that