

Legislature, I'm sort of red-faced about the fact that I'm asking to return LB 204 for consideration for an amendment when it's on Final Reading because I've been told that it's rather costly when we do this but...and the reason my face is red is because I should have caught this when it was on General File and for some reason or another I didn't. I would just like to...is it appropriate at this point in time for me to explain my reason for wanting to bring the bill back, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I don't know whether you remember, I have passed out some literature to you about, not exactly literature, but parts of bills and that sort of thing from last year on LB 350 which was a bill that had been introduced in committee and passed out of committee. The committee, or the bill summary, and on the floor never discussed the fact that this bill included fee increases in all categories of real estate licensure. The only thing that was discussed on the floor, and I remember on Final Reading and the fact that I've gotten the testimony on that, was the fact that when I questioned Senator Goodrich, who was carrying the bill, I questioned the increase of the per diem from 50 to \$100 and in the process was starting to look at the Final Reading copy and did discover that there was a fee increase for real estate sales persons, and I didn't even know when this was finally passed which we all voted for then, I guess I voted against the bill, but the bill did pass with increases in fees in all categories last year. This year we have another bill from the Real Estate Commission asking for, in my eyes, rather, rather hefty increases again up to, I realize, not to exceed a certain amount but over double in many cases over what...and that's what I passed out on the one sheet for you. I want to read to you what the increases were up to last year. Last year in the first category they were increased to \$50. This year they are asking...from 50 to 75, excuse me. This year they are asking to go from 75 to 150. In that second category it went, I think it was from 25 to 100 and now it's to go from 100 to 150. Fifty to 65 and now going from 65 to 150, 100 to 130, now going to 300, 30 to 45 which is a sales person's license that I questioned last year, now going to...the ability to go to as high as \$100; from 80 to 90 in the next category now up to 200 and the next one being from 50 to 65 now to 150; 100 to 130 now to 300; 30 to 45 now to 180; to 90 up to 200. I understand, because I have met with the Director of the...Les Tyrell with the gaming...or