

being able to drive. So with that, I urge your support of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beyer. Mr. Clerk, is there an amendment on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the committee amendments. (See AM1735 on page 2053 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam President and members. I appreciate the fact that the committee has brought forth this amendment which helps with a problem. You may remember, I had a problem with the bill originally because we had set that fee at \$20, and then immediately after the program started, we were raising it to 40, \$40, and I thought that was not the way we should do. And so this committee amendment does give the people a window of opportunity to get their CDL for \$20 if they get in there before September 1st. Now this is a small, little amendment, which I think is logical. I see down the road what will happen is that a lot of people will come in shortly before September 1st. The Department of Motor Vehicles will not be able to handle all those people immediately, and so they will not be able to get their license until after the deadline has passed. And, Madam Chair, I don't believe anybody is listening. Could I have a gavel please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: (Gavel.)

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. I would like this little amendment on there because if a lot of these people come in to get their CDL shortly before September 1st, Motor Vehicles will say it is overwhelmed. We cannot finish it by September 1st, and so just because of that big crowd there right at the end, they will be pushed over into the time period when they have to pay the \$40 instead of the \$20. I don't think that is fair. All this amendment does is say that if the procedure started before September 1st, then they get in on the \$20. That is all it does. It just lets those people that go down and get their license, and if there is too much of a crowd and they cannot get it immediately, then the very fact that they have started the procedure makes them eligible for the \$20 fee rather than the \$40 fee. Currently, under the present law, the fee structure,