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legislation that provided for the Department of Labor to take over the Omaha elevator inspection program. This resulted in some significant increase in costs that were addressed at that time by a fiscal note that was subsequently vetoed by the Governor and a charge was made of the Department of Labor to look for a better way of funding the elevator inspection program. This bill then provides for the creation of an Elevator Inspection Fund and its charges, it changes the allowable charges in that they are increased a certain amount, \$25. Current fee is \$50 to inspect an elevator up to five floors. This would increase that to no more than \$75. It is intended by this bill that the cost of maintaining our elevator inspection program, will no longer be a function of General Funds revenue and that currently the fees are collected, deposited in the General Fund and then an appropriation needs to be made out of the General Fund to pay for the cost of the elevator inspections so this bill basically will change, will not change the program in that it was always cash funded, but it would change the process of the accounting for those monies and provide for the increased costs of providing this service. So I would encourage the advancement of 877. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam Chairman, I rise in strong support of LB 877. I can recall when the City of Omaha was doing the elevator inspections. Their cost was...or charge was \$50 per inspection and for some reason when the state took over the charge was then lowered to \$30 and the cost will now come, the \$50, from, or whatever they decide to charge for elevator inspections will be paid by the building owners rather than having taxpayers' dollars or coming out of the General Fund. So I strongly urge the members to advance LB 877 to Select File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Does anyone else wish to address this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Coordsen? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 877. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to advance LB 877? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 877.