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administering a program such as this. I think there perhaps should be some maximum set in statute, but the danger of that is that the department will feel that it should go up to that maximum. So what I'm prepared to do, as far as this bill is concerned when it comes to the fees, is leave the general language there; allow the department, after study, which I hope they will undertake, to set a fee schedule that is reasonable. That means it will vary from county to county, perhaps. You might look at the number of people who commit these violations in a county to determine how extensive the program ought to be. Now if they only have two or three violators who would take advantage of it, that county should not be allowed to set a fee so high that the entire program will be funded by those few people, because when that happens, the program's purpose is not to generate more safety and awareness of safety, but rather to run a program and provide employment for those who are hired to run it. My amendment, by the way, does not do any of those things. So you can, in good conscience, vote for my amendment because it does not alter the fee aspect of it. I guess I will take a vote on this amendment, eminently fair and just. Mr. President, I'm going to ask for a call of the house, because if we don't have 25 people here then we are not even in session anymore.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call. Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Janssen, Senators Engel, Jensen, Hudkins, Jones, Erdman and Burling. Senators Raikes, Wehrbein, Quandahl, Hartnett and Baker. Senators Cunningham, Kremer, Synowiecki and Bourne. The house is under call. Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Engel, Senator Burling, Senator Quandahl. Senator Synowiecki. Senator Engel and Senator Quandahl. The house is under call. Senator Chambers, I don't know where