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Senator Sieck to be a gentleman about this and ask to hold it over also. But many of these people can't get here. It is not their fault. I think they should have some input on the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Speaking to the motion to pass over this bill, Senator DeCamp, do you....?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Sieck.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck, will you respond?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Sieck, as I read the bill and particularly with your amendment, it is your projection and guesstimate of those people apparently who are involved in it that the fees from the situations themselves will pay the vast bulk of the expenses of this system. Is that right?

SENATOR SIECK: That is correct.

SENATOR DeCAMP: As I understand Senator Haberman, his concern really gets down to that it is a tap in to the general fund and kind of open ended. He doesn't know how far it is going to go. Since the vast bulk of the fees are going to be paid and the only question is the open endedness, would you be receptive to an idea so that he would have some assurance or so that we would all as a Legislature, have some assurance that the whole system could be covered by fees, in the area of lodging taxes in the past, continuing education for insurance, just almost any of these things where the state acts as the doing something but it is really for a particular industry. As long as we keep the fees paid by the industry or involved in that themselves, I find the bill seemed to function a lot better and there is more responsibility and it would appear to me that there is a simple amendment that could be put on that would clarify it so that over a period of time if they had to collect a little more fee they could reimburse the general fund for any. Would you have any objection to that?

SENATOR SIECK: No objection.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, Senator Sieck has no objection to the very thing that Senator Haberman is concerned about and I happen to know the bill drafter is drafting that particular amendment and just handed it to me right now and if Senator Haberman wanted to offer it that would