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able and proper and I agree that those who use the system should pay for it. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of 717. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that is what Wally Provost meant when he said I am vigilant. When I intend to speak and I put my light on I expect to be called on like anybody else so I watch and I am getting tired of having to do that but I will make sure that I stand up and point out that my light was on.

SENATOR CLARK: I'm sorry, I didn't see your light, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That reminds me of the time I was in court and a person was charged with having followed too close and ran into the back of a car and the person told the judge, your Honor, I didn't see the car. The judge said, I don't see why you didn't see it when it was right in front of your eyes, so I guess if you are inattentive you may not see things that are right in front of your eyes. But my job is to be vigilant and, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have this to say. I am disturbed about what is being done by the Legislature this morning because I know when various people run for reelection and try to make themselves appear as law and order candidates, they are going to criticize the judges, they are going to criticize the court system and talk about being soft on criminals. Yet, they will make votes that will make themselves look good for campaign purposes that dilute the effectiveness of the court system, that will diminish the public regard for the court system and will, in fact, go contrary to what the system is supposed to be about. Now one reason I spoke in the way that I did this morning in irritating and antagonizing you because I knew I could make you vote against me and that is what you did. Senator DeCamp does want to have the opportunity to challenge not only this added fee but the original one dollar. So if by a proper legal challenge you can knock out that also, then I will not have lost, will I, and the very court system whose integrity I say that I believe in will have done what it is supposed to do, will it not? It will have maintained its own integrity and will put you then in a position to see if all you are doing is fat mouthing about the value of this training center. If the fee that you are attaching is ruled to be a fine and cannot go for the training center and you cannot fund it in that fashion, will the polygraph technique come into play again and we'll see that the Legislature was full of sound and fury signifying nothing when it talked about the