

next three days because of that tremendous increase. All of us heard the same thing. I see...I know they perform a public service. We all do. They also have some special privileges to get into areas to park free, and so on and so forth, that they wouldn't be able to receive, and I think that \$5 is too low. The prestigious plate, what is that, \$75 now. Why should we be...I know their equipment costs money but, again, it is a hobby. My minihome maybe costs a little bit of a money, and I guess I don't absolutely have to use it. I know they perform a public service, but if we start allowing one to come in and another one to come in, to me the \$10 fee didn't hurt at all. I know that they have two and three and four thousand dollars in that equipment, and if they are able to afford that, the license fee shouldn't be too much, particular if it is a ten-year basis, I mean a three-year basis. So I would certainly, as my first question was, why \$5 when it was 8.27, and, frankly, I will probably vote against going down to the \$5. I think the \$10 was far more in line than just having a group come in here and say, oh, my goodness sake, you can't...it is like the senators raise a few years ago, you can't raise your salary a thousand percent, what is the matter with you folks? Well, I guess it depends on how long ago it has been raised, and I think that at least \$5 and \$10 I think is still...doesn't hurt.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to take a moment to announce that Senator Withem has guests under the north balcony, Jeff Francis and Colleen Totz. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Glad to have you with us. Further discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Coordsen, followed by Senators Dierks, Smith, Beyer, and Chizek.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. A phrase that we never hear on this floor, yes, but. I would direct your attention, since we seem to be hung up on the issue of money, that the \$8.27 that is listed in the fiscal note includes the cost for postage of mailing plates and correspondence. I have been informed by one of the officers of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club in Omaha that, in fact, the person who asks for their plates by mail does have that mailing cost added on. So, essentially, according to the figures I have in front of me, we are looking at about a \$5.62 originating cost for an amateur radio plate. If you take the bill, unamended, and we are talking about the amendment, you would find that the \$2 that is originally stipulated in the bill would return \$6,