

see if it is on the fiscal note. Okay, the decrease in revenue as calculated here is \$6,220. So 1,472, yes, there it is, 1,472 plates during 1988.

SENATOR DIERKS: Fourteen hundred and seventy-two dollars?

SENATOR LAMB: No, plates.

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, plates, 1,472 plates, okay. Senator Nelson must not have the same response from her amateur radio operators that I have in my district. I have had lots of contact about this and people were noticeably upset. I was very happy to be able to sign on the bill with Senator Coordsen, and I would have to agree totally with what he said. I would not support the committee amendment, and I do think that we need to be aware of what these people do. In my particular case, we have had some extremely fine help from radio amateurs with response to blizzard conditions. When we have become inundated in that country, they have helped with getting ambulances to ranches to get pregnant mothers to town, and they have done an extremely fine job of public service, and I believe this is one of the ways that we can offer them some small amount of recompense for what they do. I would not support the amendment either. I would like to see this thing set right where the bill has it, at \$2, and then I would support the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, with Senator Beyer on deck.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I am not going to repeat the things that were said. I hope you were listening to what Senator Coordsen and Senator Dierks have said to you about the public service that is provided by the Ham radio operators, and I agree with Senator Dierks. Evidently Senator Nelson not only doesn't have operators in her district but, evidently, my operators, which number about 50 in the organization in Adams County, must have gone over to the tornado disaster in Grand Island some years ago and provided that public service in the emergency that they had there after the tornado, because that is exactly who was on line at that point in time, and who provided the communication and the link for those people in that disaster, not only that disaster but the Omaha disaster, and as Senator Dierks has said, many other kinds of things. When lines are down, when communications are out, these kinds of people are there to provide the service. They provide it free,