

and I don't think that we should be charging them to provide this service, because if they didn't, we would find that we would be paying a heck of a lot more to make sure that we had that kind of service available. I will not support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beyer, Senator Hartnett on deck.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I guess a lot of this started a year ago because it was my amendment that put the \$10 on it. We have researched this. We have had...the committee has had all kinds of request for specialized plates. We have got the POW plates in the past year, the Pearl Harbor survivor plates. This year we had the D.A.V and the Order of the Purple Heart. We looked at the cost of these plates. We discussed it with the groups, and I have no qualms about what the amateur radio people do. As far as I can find out, they all paid the \$10. None of them quit taking the plate just because it was raised to \$10. We have a lot of people that do a lot of services. Our volunteer firemen that get out and do tremendous amount of service at no reimbursement to them of any kind, and they were looking at plates this year. We did talk them out of it. But what we did, we went back and researched the cost. We tried to analyze that the cost could go up over a period of time as everything raises, so we decided that we would set the \$5 fee on all plates. We will have the uniformity clause on the other plates as they come in, on the ones that we passed in the past years, to become effective in January of 1990, which Senator Lamb will address when we get to those bills, and that is, basically, what we allowed. Rather than to try to come in and increase costs every three years or so, we would put the cost up there that would be reimbursable to the state for all plates that are in the special category that are now being asked for, and, hopefully, that explains part of the reason as to why we went to the \$5. I don't think anybody denies what the amateur radio people do. I don't think you can deny what our Pearl Harbor survivors, our disabled vets, and all those, have done over the years. They were more than agreeable to paying their fair share of the cost. We had talked to them about the increase. They have no problem with the increase on the other bills. So I kind of think that all of those people have performed a service. Some of you or us that have never went into the...had to go to war or anything and have to ask for these special plates, I guess we kind of appreciate the fact of what they did for us. So that was the reason behind the