

rationale to making it \$5, and it is for all special plates that we will have a hearing on today, or that were issued in the last couple of years. So that is the reason for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I simply want to rise to support Senator Coordsen's bringing it back to \$2 again. I guess maybe the Transportation Committee when they did their research last year and brought it up to ten, maybe they should have done a better research and left it at five where they are bringing it back to this year. So I simply rise...I think Senator Dierks and Senator Smith and Senator Coordsen did an excellent job explaining why the plates should be left at \$2 as the bill was originally proposed. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Lamb, for closing.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, thank you. I would like to stress that this is a reduction. This is a committee amendment. This will reduce the fee from the \$10, that is currently charged, to \$5. This is a reduction from current law. Now the bill calls for a lesser amount but this is an in-between amount. Now the committee struggled with this decision over quite a period of time because we are getting more and more of these plates, and I certainly recognize the importance of the amateur radio operators in the state, but we also have to realize that there are many, many other groups that do community service and have sacrificed for this state and this country, and so in that list we have the Pearl Harbor veterans, we have the prisoners of war. Certainly, they have sacrificed for the public good. Also we have the disabled American veterans and the Purple Heart recipients, and those bills are coming right up. So the decision of the committee was that we recognize the contributions of all those people, and there probably will be