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SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, we are adding about \$228,000 to the A bill. The A bill will be increased from the current \$78,000 to \$306,100. This is to start us on the way toward computerization. We need to get started on that system and we believe we should start now. The reason for this increased General Funding is the amendment earlier to LB 285, which calls for the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide the license examiners the capability in the field to complete the national information checks on commercial driver's license applicants, and an examiner which has this capability will be able to approve issuance of the permanent commercial driver's license by the county treasurer and the need to provide a temporary license pending approval of the permanent license from DMV will no longer exist. So with this additional funding, we can get away from the temporary driver's license. We can provide the information out there to those counties so that they can issue the permanent license immediately, and that has several advantages, as you can understand. A much cleaner way to do it, it is going to have to come sooner or later, so that is the reason for the extra \$228,000.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a question of Senator Lamb, if he would respond.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lamb, Howard, is this just a one-time appropriation that buys the hardware?

SENATOR LAMB: This is about a \$180,000 for hardware, and about \$130,000 for transmission.

SENATOR HALL: Is that transmission cost then going to be a yearly cost that would be built into the budget yearly?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch.