

and that's quite an increase. I just wanted this body to stop, look and listen to what it's doing because it probably will discourage or prohibit some people from taking the real estate exam and maybe that's what it's meant to do. Maybe there are too many people who aren't really serious about taking the exam who take it because the fees are only \$5 or \$25, or whatever. I believe at present they pay an exam fee of \$25 and then an application fee of \$75. If they want to take the exam over, at present time, I think the fee is only \$5, so we're really making a big increase here, changing it from \$25 to up to a \$100 and add on every time they take it over could be, not necessarily will be but could be an additional \$100. I'm not sure I'm going to vote on this bill. I think there needs to be some changes but I think this might be a little high. Probably what they're trying to accomplish here is preparation for years ahead so they won't have to come back and have these changes every year but it still does concern me. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Goodrich, please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, when you put in a provision in the statutes of the state, a provision that says, in essence, and Senator Schimek was right, they are preparing for a long distance in the future, they don't want to have to come back and recodify the statutes every year. And that's what the bulk of this bill is, recodification of the statutes. However, when you do put in a provision which is in this bill that says that the real estate commission can now contract with or, in the future, would be able to contract with a national testing company to come in and give these tests, we provide that they can negotiate that fee because they don't have any way of knowing now what they're going to be able to negotiate next year or the following year or three years from now, but we give them the flexibility to go ahead and negotiate whatever is necessary in the fee for that contract. We, at the same time though, have to give them guidelines in order to make it constitutional. We have to have a guideline that says they can go up to \$100. That gives them a tool with which to say, okay, to the contracting testing company, in other words, we can...we have a maximum in our statutes, we cannot give you these big fabulous fees, we have to give you what we can legally give you. We can give them the authority to negotiate the testing agreements, at the same time though we give them the guidelines that they can't go beyond so that we can avoid just what Senator Schimek and Senator Smith have indicated, the fees,