

maybe helping their libraries along to help support themselves a little more by asking them to charge for some nonbasic services, and they've been doing this, to this point in time, and it has not been legal because it was not in law that they could do it. And so the bill will just simply put it in law that they are able to charge for some nonbasic services, and those would be the ones that are not defined as basic services in Section 1. Section 2 specifies that basic services must be made available without charge and that goes clear...actually goes clear over...on two on page three and it talks about that the basic services will be available without charge to all residents. And then Section 3 is where the change is made, it allows them then to fix and impose reasonable fees, but not to exceed actual cost for nonbasic services. That's the extent of the bill. If there are questions, I will try to answer them. If there are no questions, I would ask for your support on the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Smith very well and very aptly presented the bill and explained it to you. Again, I would hope that you would see very favorable. It's just for services, as she said, they're now using and maybe need to charge for. The small town libraries and a lot of them, financially, are having a lot of problems, and some of the services, that is video tapes or so on, that simply is what they're asking for. And it does not affect the membership or so on that the...that people do pay for. And I just simply support Senator Smith in this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion. Any closing, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I would. I'm sorry that I neglected to list for you some of the nonbasic services that they are presently charging for. Those are things like photocopying equipment. Right now they may be charging for running copies on a machine for you, which they have at your service in the library. If you're using special equipment, like telephones, facsimile equipment and other telephone communications equipment, media equipment, personal computers, video cassettes and so on, those are the kinds of things that they may have to have a charge or a fee for use of. And that is what we're asking in this bill, for them to have a charge which is actual