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LB 344, 586

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, members of the Legislature, on your desk you'll find AM0882 which is the amendment to LB 586 and the reason for this amendment is that my crack E & R staff reads bills with almost the tenacity of Senator Beutler and they've discovered that another bill, LB 344, repeals the section that LB 586 is amending. What my amendment would do is simply say that whether or not LB 344 passes, the amendment that LB 586 is making, the change that LB 586 is making in law will be implemented one way or another. It is a technical amendment. I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Does anyone wish to debate this amendment? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote on the Will amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Will's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. (Beutler amendment appears on page 1270 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this amendment would raise fees under this particular section of law which has been affected by Senator Will. As you may recall, this bill has to do with suspension of licenses and daily penalties that are applicable, first on the first suspension and then on subsequent suspensions. And Senator Will's bill basically says that if you've been good for four years, then it will be treated like a first suspension instead of second suspension. Back in 1971 they said with regard to the first suspension that it would be a \$50 a day penalty and with regard to the second suspension, if that became applicable, it would be a \$100 per day penalty. What my amendment would do would be to raise the 50 to 75 for the first suspension, \$75 a day, and to raise the \$100 to \$150 per day, and the theory is quite simple. It is to cover the cost of inflation from 1971, which is the last time these were increased, to 1991. In other words, this suspension fee has been the same for 20 years which means in effect, with the inflationary force that has been at work for