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LB 337, 549

you have closing, Senator Nelson?

SENATOR NELSON: I believe not. I tried to explain it as careful as I could and, as I say, it's just somewhat of a simple clean-up bill and I just move for its advancement.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We will vote on the motion to advance LB 549. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 549.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 549 is advanced. LB 337.

CLERK: LB 337 was a bill introduced by the Transportation Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16, referred to Transportation, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Transportation Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, LB 337 was introduced by the Transportation Committee basically at the request of the Public Service Commission. This bill deals with motor vehicle carriers, trucks, if you will, and primarily through the whole discussion this morning on this bill is dealing with interstate, not intrastate, not trucks that travel solely within the state. This bill and the amendments deal with those trucks that travel through this state from one state to another and are involved in interstate commerce throughout our country. The committee amendment does a couple of technical changes but the major change is in a fee area. There was a fee proposed in LB 337 to increase and identify our fee which is charged per vehicle that comes through our state and has the authority to operate in this state of \$1.00. There is a \$25 registration fee, then there's a \$1.00 fee for each vehicle that comes through. The bill proposes to raise that to \$5.00. The committee, after review and upon discussion by the motor carriers of this state and across the country, have decided to reduce that fee from \$5.00 to \$3.00. So the committee amendment, in effect, is a raise from \$1.00 to \$3.00. The \$1.00 will be in effect through 1992 and then the 1992 registrations will increase it up to \$3.00. The rest of them