

attention to what I believe to be, although I don't have the information, 856, bill request 1271, raising the CIR judge per diem. Business and Labor Committee had no knowledge of this issue being addressed during this current session of the Legislature. It does change the law, in changing the compensation that is in that. And I think this is a very poor way for the body of the Legislature to go about making this type of changes at this late date, that they should have had a public hearing, and they should have been processed in the normal manner. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Anyone else wishing to discuss the motion to suspend the rules and introduce LB...or move LB 854 and 855 to General File? That correct? Senator Moore, did you wish to close on that motion?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, obviously, as with anything, the body can do as they wish here. But the one thing you have to remember historically, particularly in tight budgetary times, one of the ways, instead of cutting budgets and others things, what has often occurred in the past is one way to generate funds is through fee-based, like these two activities here. And as opposed to using General Fund dollars, you use more of a user fee, obviously when you do that there's always concern of people that don't want their fees raised. And certainly a public hearing would be in order. There will be those that come in and say don't raise my fee, I understand that, but as far as timing, do what you wish. The only thing I would say is that given the concern over the two fee issues, if this motion is successful, as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee I will have a...as Senator Withem said it won't be a public hearing in the sense because the committee has already voted the bills out of committee. But we will have the opportunity for the interested parties to come before the committee and give their point of view in a public process. And so the motion would be to suspend the rules, place them on General File so we can keep the process moving.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Moore's closing on the motion to suspend the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I believe we're under call. So if I would request everybody to check in, and then have a roll call vote on the issue.