

funding that computerization. We raised the fee. Actually \$30 will be plenty, will be enough to do the computerization which is desired. Now I'm often asked a question that was asked in the hearing and some other people is why did the Appropriations Committee choose to ever mess with the PP...Professional Practices Commission because there has been a fund...now there is a fund balance this year in the PPC. And if you'd care to look at the fiscal note once again and look at the last page of the fiscal note, you will see that under the...on the one, two, three, four, fifth column from the bottom there, where you see the current fee at 12.50, you can see the present appropriation, assuming all the appropriation is spent, which actually in recent years it has not been, assuming that actual budget is spent, the PPC is going to run into a deficit situation in the '92-93 fiscal year. And looking at that, while we were messing with the fees, the committee felt it was prudent to raise the fee, since they both come out of the...since most teachers cert. in PPC is funded by these fees, let's raise them at once to make it cash flow, and that is why the additional increase bumped from 12.50 to 18.50 was originally recommended by the Appropriations Committee. It really wasn't our opinion to look at the decision on the PPC on the job they are doing, but simply from a cash flow situation, if you are going to operate that, and until the Legislature takes away some of their powers, I mean that is what they really need...they really are going to need some additional money. I think in light of what happened in the Education Committee hearing, as Senator Withem has mentioned, by lowering it down to ten and due to a variety of changes within the department in some bills the Legislature has passed in recent years, I think Senator Withem has agreed to offer an amendment on Select File on the mainline appropriation bill to actually decrease the budget to the PPC.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: Thereby, by decreasing the budget, a \$10 fee would sufficiently cash flow this throughout the next biennium, and so with that in mind, contingent only upon the adoption of the Select File amendment in the appropriation bill, I, myself, can certainly support a \$10 fee for the PPC and also would concur with the \$30 for the teacher's cert. We'd generate sufficient revenue to do the computerization which would allow the Department of Education to process those teacher certification requests in a much more timely fashion, which I think would be beneficial to all the teachers in the State of