

the process started, and so beginning on July 1, 1991, any person who has their birthday on or after April 1st, '92, will have the opportunity to appear and be tested. Now this test just isn't a written test. It is a fairly extensive test. It is more difficult. It has got standards into it, and for some people, not all, some of the drivers will have to go through a driving examination. That examination can take anywhere from one to three hours, depending on where you are at and what sorts of things you need to do. About 80 percent of the people will grandfather out and won't have to do the actual driving themselves, so they will just have to appear and take the exam. Senator Moore brought to us the fact that this was a process that was going to take more expenditures. The A bill on the original LB 285, that was done in 1989, estimated the expenditures to be about \$461,000. Now the real expenses to the program is a little over \$600,000, so you have to come up with that extra money, and how do you do that? Now there is about 141 to 150 thousand dollars here of a fee that is needed to cover the program. When the Appropriations Committee examines this issue, they look who is best to bear this. And they decided and proposes to do it with a fee increase for the person getting their driver's license, the commercial driver's license. Now there are some opponents that raise the issues of fairness and equity and say, well, look, this really isn't fair. Last year we promised these people, in '89 we promised these people that their commercial driver's license was only going to cost \$20, and here you are doubling it to 40. Now with that in mind, the committee then made some amendments, and the amendments do as follows. We are going to give them starting now in June 1 instead of July 1, 1991. So before this, well, when this month is over, they will be able to start June 1 to come in and get their driver's license, the commercial driver's license. They are not going to have to wait...the current law was 90 days before their birthday. That is done away with. They can come in now anytime that they want to beginning June 1, 1991 to get their commercial driver's license. The fee, there was some...I guess the best way to describe it is a social contract that some of the opponents felt that, gee, we gave our word that this was only going to be \$20, and you just can't go raise the fee, double it, and catch everybody. So what the committee amendment does is recognize that, and say, you are going to get a grace period. So beginning September 1, 1991, the fee increase will go from 20 to 40 dollars, so the people who want to get a \$20 license can do it. They can do June, July, and August, for the next three months can come in, get that \$20 license application.