

Now, hopefully, there will be a flood because what is going to happen is that next year right around April 1st, you are going to have a ton of people coming into your office, complaining, yelling, and screaming the fact they can't drive their commercial vehicle anymore and it just isn't fair. Well, we're here, on the 10th of May, 1991, telling them that within the next few months you have got to get that commercial driver's license. The fee also allows them, if they do want to get a cheaper commercial fee, they can do it, but they will know and we need to make it plain that starting September 1st the fee is going to go to \$40, and the \$40 is needed to make up the revenue and the cost of doing this program. If we don't do this, you are going to probably lay off examiners and even exacerbate the problem. Now, Senator Moore, I don't see Senator Moore, but when he gets in here, he can explain to you more the appropriations end of the need for the Cash Fund as opposed to the General Fund monies that were the options. This bill envisions that we are going to do it with a Cash Fund, or with a General...excuse me, with a Cash Fund because of the fees. We are going to increase the fees, that those people are better able to bear the cost. The other thing that was presented to us in committee was look at the surrounding states and the cost of the commercial driver's license. Some of those are up at \$150. So from going from 20 to 40 is not a particularly outrageous figure to jump to. Does anybody like the fact that it is going to cost more money to do this? No, I don't think there is anybody that probably likes the idea that there is got to be a commercial driver's license change. And so what we are doing here with the committee amendments, it is a fair...it is a compromise. It does not make everyone absolutely perfectly happy, as you probably will find out, but I think it is a fair and reasonable approach. It gives people the opportunity for three months, everyone for three months to come in and get their commercial driver's license at a \$20 figure. There is a hard date of September 1, that if they don't do it, it goes to 40. That increase in fee is needed to pay for the program. Now, Senator Moore, I don't know if I can trust you to explain some of the needs for the cash funds after yesterday, but I will certainly give you any more time that I have here in the opening for the committee amendments to make any additional comments that you have in regards to that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, yes, once again, similar to the situation