

on the last bill, the reason, the whole reason this came about was there was a request from the Department of Motor Vehicles of initially \$500,000 for computerization in the Department of Motor Vehicles in the CDL division, and the dollar figure, which I am searching for, 100...actually the total dollar request was \$737,000 in General Funds the first year, \$224,000 the second year in General Funds to properly run the CDL division. Of that, 500,000 was for computerization. The committee, as it has in other agencies, which we will talk about later, they did not fund the computer request but, obviously, the operation request, the committee found some certainly valid concern because if we do not fund this request in some form, there is a distinct possibility that it will have an adverse impact on all the driver's license examining done across the State of Nebraska, not just in the CDLs, but all driver's license examinations. You'd be talking about, you know, the possibility of, due to the fact of the type of test you are talking about in the CDLs, there would be some additional time, additional work load, and particularly, a lot more people coming in to get a driver's license,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...this type of driver's license. And so the committee felt that there was a genuine need there. Instead of using General Funds, though, once we determined there was a need there for funds, instead of using General Funds, we looked at the possibility of increasing the Cash Fund side of this equation, and when you compare the CDL examination, of the license fee, to other professions in the State Of Nebraska, and other CDL fees across the State of Nebraska, I think it is much...it is certainly understandable why the committee chose to try and raise the fee to generate the necessary income to adequately fund this service for all Nebraskans.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to draw the senators' attention again to the south balcony. We have many guests with us today. Included among them are Kansas State Representative and Mrs. John McClure of Glen Elder, Kansas. He represents the 119th District in the State of Kansas. Would you please rise and be recognized. Thank you. Also special guests of Senator Beyer are 56 fourth graders from Westmont Elementary in Springfield. Would you rise and be recognized. And special guests of Senator Lowell Johnson are 22 Fremont Senior High