

his bill that said we are going to raise the fee \$20; we are going to raise the fee from 10 to 20 dollars for these CDL's. And Senator Lamb, as always, being a man of his word, feels very strongly about keeping that promise, and I sympathize with him for that statement. If I was in his position, I would be just as concerned as he. The problem is this, that \$20 fee is not adequate to operate the program. It will not be adequate to operate the program, and if you do not raise the fee at some point in time, obviously, I am surprised Senator Lamb didn't file the motion to have all the applicants...to postpone the effective date of the bill to July 1, '92, then everyone, because all these people have to have their license by April 1 of next year, and then everybody would get a \$20 fee, and that is really what Senator Lamb is after. I understand that, but what Senator Lamb's amendment actually is saying is that all you have to do is mail a letter by September 1 and, in actuality, you still don't have to take the test until April, and that is not totally unreasonable, Senator Lamb, but what you are once again doing is you are just taking a big niche into what the sort of cash you are going to operate. I think the committee amendments recognize very fairly Senator Lamb's concern because there are people presently that their license has expired. They went in and got a \$20 fee, and the bill, in its original form, unless your birthday occurred within 90 days of...well, actually the bill with the emergency clause in, the \$40 fee would have kicked in right away. And if your birthday wasn't until April, you'd have been forced to take a \$40...take the test in '92 and pay \$40. Whereas, somebody's birthday is sooner than that, wouldn't have had to. And I agree there is a little sense of fairness there. What the committee amendments have done is changed it and, basically, given anybody in the State of Nebraska, regardless of when their birthday was, the opportunity to come in before September 1 and take the test, get the license for a \$20 fee. And then everybody else will have to do it between now and the end of April. And if you don't do it by September 1, you have to pay a \$40 fee, it is as simple as that. I think the committee amendments are very reasonable. Senator Lamb's amendment, I believe, takes it one step a little bit too far, and a very unnecessary step, in my opinion. Because with Senator Lamb's amendment, arguably anybody, I don't know why you would apply prior to September 1 and not take the test, I wouldn't know. As far as the concerns of this tremendous backlog that Senator Lamb is talking about, and, basically, maybe indirectly with his accusation that DMV all they really want to do is raise the fee, and they are going to tell people,