

tough, if you can't get it until after September 1, we are going to get \$40 out of you, I don't think that concern is valid. You have to understand the Appropriations Committee's point of view on this, and as far as opposing Senator Lamb's amendment, I am now speaking only for myself. But going back to the committee's rationale for introducing the bill, we did not look at the fee issue until we were concerned about the money issue, and I passed out to the members some of the things the committee looked at. And when we decided we wanted to spend this money, is there a fund source other than General Funds that could logically be used? When you look at the front sheet where I have signed my signature, look at the fees, and you look at Nebraska's fee there where it actually says not available, you can plug in...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...the...it's a \$20 fee. The cost per year is a lot less than almost every state on there. So is it unreasonable to raise this fee? No, it is not. Now is the reason we are raising the fee because it is low? No, that is not it. You know, some would almost argue that we secretly decided to raise the fee, and then back loaded the reason why we wanted it. If we do not generate some additional funds for DMV, you are going to jeopardize all driver's license examinations, not just CDLs, but everybody who gets a \$10 fee as well, and a logical place to get it from is the CDL. But you see just on the other states, their similar license on the back part of that, look at the fee of the other professions, the other professions in the state pay. Compare that to the \$40 fee once every four years, I don't think it is unreasonable given the situation created here. I understand Senator Lamb's amendment. I rise to oppose it. I do not think it is necessary. The committee amendments are a fair compromise that I can support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Nelson. The speaking order now is Senator Kristensen, Beyer and Lamb. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I gave most of my explanation of the bill when Senator Wehrbein was asking his questions and I think Senator Moore has also done that. One of the other things that I just want to add here is that most of the commercial drivers' license issues have been worked out, and Senator Lamb did that through the