

sense that ten times that, under the committee amendments, would be necessary for purposes of reinstatement of a driver's license. It is a punitive fee. It's a penalty on top of the period that that license holder has gone through with regard to revocation. The \$50 covers the cost. There has been no justification that it doesn't at present. It's a revenue raiser of approximately \$650,000 that, although I understand the need, this is not the place for the Department of Motor Vehicles to raise that money. And I would urge adoption of this amendment that would reduce the reinstatement fee from 100 back down to its original \$50. And I would urge adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Nelson, followed by Senators Kristensen, Schellpeper, Hillman and Landis. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I guess when we ended on, last night I, too, had my light on for the same concerns as Senator Hall. I certainly do...and I'm not going to belabor this or take a lot of time, I know that we have to have more revenue and I'm sure that the Transportation Committee gave this a lot of consideration. But I, too, feel just exactly the same as Senator Hall. It doesn't cost that much to reinstate that fee. Some of those folks simply are down. Maybe they didn't even have a job during that period of time. And I just...I think we're going entirely too far. This may, as he said, discontinue them getting a license or encourage them, and then what do we do? We move them and the family back to the welfare rolls. And I know, again, the committee probably went over this, but how can we drop a new prestige plate from 75 to 27 dollars, and those that buy the prestige plate, maybe 75 makes a lot of difference, but it just is no rhyme or rhythm, to me, to do this, to raise that reinstatement fee that number. And it's...I'm sure it doesn't take any more work than notification of a lien. As far as the paper work, it may be to trace back their record but I...I respect the Transportation Committee but I, too, just think this is not fair with that kind of a raise that somebody has the unfortunate situation to have lost their driver's license and a lot of times it's those that are on the bottom end of the pay scale. And I support Senator Hall's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Kristensen.