

just a piece here of a total strategy and plan that had been put together, a lot of time was spent on in looking at an agency, its funding base and what it was going to be able to do in the future. It's an important state agency and the service that it provides is also extremely important. Serving on Appropriations Committee and listening to some of the testimony from the Department of Motor Vehicles, you came to realize more and more the funding problems that were there and they're not going to go away. They're going to increase in the future. And one of the things I appreciate is an agency that comes in and also helps with the problem solving as far as addressing funding and what we can do about it together. I think they have come in with a very good overall plan and one piece of this plan, of course, is the reinstatement fees. I think it's important also to recognize that that doesn't happen, simply or easily, it's not like issuing a duplicate when you need one for a driver's license. There is due process. There are hearings. There is a lot that goes into, number one, revoking a driver's license and then, number two, reinstating. The other thing I think that has happened to this agency and to a lot of state agencies is they don't come in and ask for an increase in fees very easily or very often because it is and should be quite a process to increase fees. So what happens to them is they wait too long until they're at the place where they can't wait any longer. So then the fee not only has to make up for where somewhat of what they lost out by not coming in regularly but also looking a little bit down the future because they don't want to come back too soon. Because of that, they kind of get behind the eight-ball and then the fee, sometimes, increases seem exorbitant but it's just because we haven't done it on a timely basis and done it very often. I would ask you to consider this as only one part of a complete plan, understanding it fits into the total. It is well thought out. I think it is justifiable. We're looking at people picking up in this particular instance the cost of what it takes for them to receive a service and how the department, itself, can best provide this service and the money that they need to do that. And so I would urge you to oppose the Hall amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Landis, followed by Senators Lynch, Chambers, Bernard-Stevens, Hall, Nelson and Abboud. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President. The session has woken up today and we are hard at work. You can tell by the