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effort to allow people to hopefully move this bill along to Select File so that other matters can be discussed this afternoon. During that period of time, Senator Chambers, I know you have an amendment that is right behind this. I would hope that you would pull your amendment because I think that you attempt to do something similar, although not...I think you only take the message plate out of one area, but it needs to be taken out in a number of areas so the references are correct. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I see that you have a motion up there to divide the question. I would ask that you do that as well to at least allow this to occur. There is no general, I guess, agreement between everybody that has got an amendment up there, but in an effort to move the bill to the next stage of debate, we will strike those portions of the committee amendments. If those need to come back on, they can come back on on Select File. The only fee that thus would be increased would be the operator's license to the state side. You would still have the county fee side things that would be increased. My fear is that if this bill does not move and allow for some discussion to take place on how to address the other fees between now and Select File, that the bill may well sit here for a few hours this afternoon, other things will not be done, and that there is the opportunity for people to discuss what we are going to do with this bill, but, again, what the amendment that I have before you is would be to strike the new matter that increased the message plate fees. The revocation fee has been taken out. The operator's license fee still increases. With that, I would move for the adoption of my amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support this amendment. It seemed to be that this is a very controversial issue. I think the perception is that we are trying to, with this, by raising or by lowering the fees, we are trying to help the wealthy. And I think the actual idea behind it was trying to get more people to have a prestige plate, and that would bring in more income. But it seems to be a sticky point here with this bill, and we do not want to take all afternoon with this bill because there is a lot of other bills behind that need to be heard also. And so I think in order to get the bill moved over to Select File, I will support this amendment. This part of the bill was actually in LB 1095, which was Senator Robak's bill, but I think that at this time it is