

Legislature today. We have guests of Senator Byars. They are 40 fourth graders from Filley Elementary in Filley with their teacher, who is Senator Byars' sister-in-law. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Schellpeper, you are next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Let me just tell Senator Chambers once more that the State Patrol did not come to me. I went to them because I found out, like I said, last year after we had the gun bill with Senator Ashford that something had to be done. We could not continue like we were, that because Nebraska and North Dakota were the only two states that did not have an instant check, and if we kept on the same path that we were on, it was going to be about six to eight years before their records would be updated, and by that time, the old update would be out of date. So in order for the Nebraska State Patrol to be able to have their records updated, we had to have some extra funding, and I was going to come in with a bill earlier to raise the driver's license fee \$1 to do that. Well, then I found out that the Department of Motor Vehicles also wanted some extra funds because they were also running behind. Our local counties were actually running behind because they were not recouping their actual cost, and so I decided, well, then the only place else to go would be to registration because everybody that has a registration of a vehicle also uses the State Patrol. But now back to Senator Chambers or Senator Kristensen's amendment. The amendment just takes out the prestige plate. Now I think that is probably something that needed to be changed. Now I, personally, cannot see how you can lower the fee and take in \$1 million more but I guess that is the way that it would work if you sold that many more prestige plates. But that seemed to be very controversial because, like I said before, the people in this body look at it as a way to help the wealthy. And so, rather than to get into that controversy, Senator Kristensen is attempting to just strike that part and leave it like it is. Now the driver's license fee will still be increased \$6 and that will raise a little over \$2 million more than what at the present time, but that is not part of this amendment. The amendment is just to take that part out and I do support taking that part out, so that the bill will move a little faster. Thank you.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker, and members, I actually rise