

The camera company that we have already been dealing with has said, this is it. They have already extended it two to three times, and the policy choice is rather clear. If you choose not to do this, those camera systems will not be available. The other thing that occurs is that there is the opportunity to get a visual imaging system that is probably the next step in technology. These other camera systems are antiquated, are old, and as long as we need to replace them, you might as well replace them with what decent technology is at this point. To further talk about that, if you don't do these fees, I do believe that you probably have some problems since this was the Governor's fee bill. These are the only fees left in his fee bill. If that goes out, I don't know, I have not been in contact to receive official word or anything, but I seriously doubt if the bill would be enacted into law, and if that is true, then also the county fee increases would not be made available. So I think the policy choices are clear, by striking out the other provisions and leaving this remaining fee source, which is the major fee source, an increase, I have got to admit that fact. I think if you do not vote these committee amendments on, that the bill, 1092, itself, probably is in jeopardy up and down the line. With that, I would urge the adoption of the first part of the committee amendments as has been outlined. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Cudaback, did you wish to address this portion of the amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to support Senator Kristensen and the amendments. I have worked around these cameras that he alluded to for, oh, eight or ten years. The cameras are wore out. If we don't do something now, we will be in trouble in the near future, if not right now. Everything needs adjustments from time to time. Everything wears out. We cannot expect to raise other costs, and not increase the fee structure. It just hasn't kept up. Everything has risen. I guess you might say sugar has risen, spice has risen, and I guess you might say sugar and spice and everything nice has gone up, so I urge you to support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. First we have some guests of Senator Robak. We have ten sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from the District 3 School at Columbus, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you