

folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. And some other guests of the Legislature, we have 13 sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from District 82 at Pender, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. And, finally, a guest of Senator Landis, under the south balcony, we have Dr. Socorro Reyes from the Philippines, the Director of Congressional Research and Training Services. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you all for being with us. Next speaker, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. I think that the department passed around the driver's license that they need to purchase new to every office, and there are some driver's licenses that cannot be duplicated. I think currently the Nebraska driver's license, they can be duplicated. These are supposed to be like they are down in Missouri, and they claim down there that they will not be duplicated, that you cannot take them, if you are underage, and get them changed. Or if you lose it, you cannot change it. But they are the latest thing in driver's license, and in order to do this, they need to have some extra funds, and so that is why they are proposing to raise the driver's license fee six dollars. I realize it sounds like a fairly large increase, but in order to get the latest driver's license, we are going to have to raise the fee. There is no way that they can do it. You can't buy these new cameras and these new licenses unless you are willing to raise the fee. And I think it will help our law enforcement. They don't have to worry about having some driver's licenses that are not legal, and so I would support the committee amendment, this part of it. Like I said, I realize that \$6 sounds like a lot of increase, but that is over four years. You only buy a driver's license every four years. So it is a dollar and a half a year, but I think that in order to upgrade our system, it is the only way that we can probably do it at this time. So I support the committee amendments. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen, would you respond, please.