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and day out with the appropriations because it is very difficult for a policy committee to deal with money when you don't have the entire state budget before you. However, that's...we take...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...them as we get them.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robak, you are next. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do not. We will continue with debate. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess there is a couple of things here that I would like to touch on with this particular bill, and I would start with saying that I think the philosophy and again the approach of this bill was not to take anything from anyone. What we are looking at here is a state agency that is providing a service, and for the service that they are going to provide, there is going to be either a charge or a fee or a tax or an assessment. Maybe it is a bargain. It is a user fee. We need revenue. They need income, and you can do that through any of those, or you can do it through a pop bottle tax, you can do it through highway funds, you can do it through junk food, you can do it through an expanded sales tax on service. This agency has thought through it very carefully and said I think the best approach for what we have our needs is through what I am going to call a user fee, you can call it a user tax if you want to, to provide a service that is badly needed in this state. The other thing that I would like to look at is just what it is that we are talking about here, when we are talking about a driver's license. Here again, we get into the philosophy as just what is a driver's license and how is it used, and whether driving is a privilege, or if it is a right. An awful lot of people in this state wish to drive, and according to our state statutes, they need a license to do that. In addition, though, that license is used for identification, and it is probably one of the most valuable pieces of identification that we have, and it is accepted. Whether instate, out-of-state, or any place else, it is usually our driver's license that we use. So it is probably, in my estimation, one of the most important documents that I, as an individual, have, or that a state agency will issue. I use it for check cashing. I use it for, in law enforcement cases to identify their ID cards that they perform, and it is used in