

unrighteous. So I hope that you will adopt this amendment on the pages that relate to raising the driver's license, the fee from ten to sixteen dollars which would be pages 17 and 22. I would strike 16 and insert 14. Give me this small thing and then let the Governor bring out his horses and all of his men and women and see if he can put his Humpty Dumpty together again. All that I'm asking is that we be put on an equal footing, or somewhat equal, to that of the Governor. Let him have to affirmatively raise these fees again after this discussion. So I hope you will agree to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kristensen, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers, I'm going to borrow a chapter out of your book and answer a few of these other questions while I'm on my time to do so. Senator Bernard-Stevens made some references as to why in the world would these be General Fund...or be Cash Funds and wouldn't we go through the appropriations process. The Governor's office came through and for testimony talked about, and I'm pulling out the transcript from the budget administrator who said it was the Governor's desire to have as minimal increases as possible in terms of budget adjustments. However, he did make one exception, that was for the Department of Motor Vehicles. Upon looking at the level of service, the Governor had a strong desire to upgrade the quality and scope of services provided by the department. He felt the number of Nebraskans affected by the services was significant and that we were in a position that we had the opportunity even though it was in an off-budget year to take advantage of the technology and that the way to do that was through a Cash Funded basis. There would be more accountability in terms of fees and that the services should justify the fees and certainly if we had this opportunity when we were changing camera systems to do that. I think that talks about why they went to General...or went to Cash Funds as opposed to General Funds, one, that that would be the easiest way, at this point in time, given the condition of the state budget. I think the Governor probably felt that the minimal increase in the fees would meet with general approval rather than a general tax increase to do those sorts of things. The driver's license fee is not entirely...or the driver's license and the operator's license, the change in technology is not entirely for the liquor industry. In fact, I think all of us have the desire to make