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address your motion, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I hope those that are around will listen. We are going to need 30 votes on this if it is approved. We have a fairly serious problem in the Motor Vehicles Department in terms of a deficit coming up, about \$700,000. One proposal that we offer would be to add to the cost on a driver's license and so forth. It is much the same bill that was talked about last session, and I don't know that this will meet with your approval. It was discussed at that time and defeated, but I offer this motion again, and I would like to have it introduced today, and it will be set for hearing. In order to do that, we need to suspend the rules, but the reason for it is that if it was approved it would help us quite a bit in having the General Fund...the deficit problem that is potentially coming. Now there is some options. It isn't that there is a hammer over your head, necessarily, to have this bill, but it would offer some options, and I would like to suspend the rules at this point so that it can be introduced and at least discussed because...I don't know that I'd go too far into it but we need to stop some activities that the Motor Vehicles Office is doing if there is definite not an interest in doing this because, obviously, we will have some trouble finding \$700,000 for a deficit financing out of General Funds if we don't do this, too. So with that, I would like to suspend the rules to have this bill introduced today.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Discussion on the motion to suspend the rules, Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Senator Wehrbein, a question.

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

SENATOR CHIZEK: Is this just dealing with fees?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Is this outside the call?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It potentially could be. I have discussed this with the Governor's Office and I don't have a firm answer. They are looking at it further. They don't disagree with what I am doing, but they don't necessarily say they will support it. But I think it is critical enough that it ought to be heard.