

monies would be distributed in the same way, in the same fashion that the dollars that they have now are distributed through that cash fund. Now, Senator Chambers will argue against this particular amendment as he will argue against the bill itself, because I think he, like I, we were caught unaware, and again it's our mistake. We're supposed to be aware of these things. But he will oppose it simply because of all...any fee increase is a tax increase and he will oppose, I'm sure, this amendment and the bill itself at that point. Senator Cudaback will always feel a little nervous about any change that will be made to his bill because he's got it on Final Reading and he's always concerned about what will happen. And I think deep down, subconsciously he knows that if we increased a marriage license to \$25, he's going to have to be very, very serious about any woman that he asks to marry him because the fee is going to be pretty darn high. So it's going to put some added pressure on that, and I understand that, Senator Cudaback. I do ask the body's indulgence in offering the amendment. There actually would be two motions, the motion for those new members. I would need to have 25 votes to return the bill to Select File for this specific amendment. If it's returned to Select File then the amendment, and only this amendment can be attached or not attached, if the body chose not to do so, and then it would be readvanced to Final Reading. So that is the process that would take place. Again, I apologize for doing it on third round debate, but I don't know of any other way to be able to help the domestic violence and abuse people in this category in this time without doing it here, because the bill would actually be too late, and my sense is the body would not want to raise a fee twice on two different bills in two different time periods of debate. So I've done my confession. I'm sorry the chaplain wasn't here, we could have gone back in one of the telephone booths and taken care of it early. But I hope the body understands and I urge you for the adoption of the amendment, but first to return the bill to Select File for that amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Cudaback, it's your turn.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, in all seriousness here, I don't want to close the door altogether on my possibilities of getting married. So I'll drop it there.