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LB 403 and it deals with vital statistic records. It increases the fee from 7 to \$9 for 4 years. It sunsets that, or excuse me, it raises the fee for 5 years. It sunsets it after the 5 years and that extra \$2 goes into an optical scanning that will update our vital statistic records retrieval and ultimately save money actually for the state because it will reduce the staff needs, but again we need to get this done now so that we can get the equipment purchased and without the fee it can't get done. So this is another one of those things that we need to get done and will actually save money for the state. With that, I know I'm hitting you kind of cold but it's LB 403, LB 703 as amended by committee and nobody had any opposition to any of these and we are in trouble if we don't get them done this session. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Any discussion on the Wesely amendment to LB 406? There is none, Senator Wesely. Would you...you are recognized to close.

SENATOR WESELY: I'll waive closing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Closing has been waived. The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Any dis...Senator Wesely, have you opened on the bill? Would you like to?

SENATOR WESELY: Maybe I should. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, okay, what we're doing here is first off on the receivership issue, back about 1963 or so all of you who were around will remember Marge Higgins was very concerned about nursing homes and she passed a receivership law that actually wasn't utilized until a couple of years ago with a nursing home up in Omaha and from the experience of that receivership we had some problems with the law that are being corrected under this bill and we've also expanded it to include