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bill that I've talked to him about. It simply makes clear in statute that interpreters can be used and paid as we are presently doing. We had a Attorney General's Opinion about...I guess I can't remember how long ago, just recently, that said it was unclear, February 4th, that said it was unclear in statute as to whether that these...this could be authorized; that it's something that has been going on. It's about a six to eight thousand dollar item per year, not a large amount, but it does...it is something that the Commission on Hearing Impaired is doing. I thought it ought to be clarified in statute and that's the reason for this amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, I want to make sure which amendment we're on. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, I just want to...I've got 409 in front of me, but you filed a later amendment, 453. I assume you want the later, but I want to...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (AM)409?

(WOMAN): No, you want to withdraw 409.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh, excuse me. I thought I was on 409 too. I want to withdraw 409 and do 415...453.

CLERK: Yes, sir, that's what I have, 453.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm sorry about that. I didn't realize we had...I forgot we had two filed. (AM)453 is the one I want. That's the one I was describing. (AM0453 is found on pages 688-690 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator, you still have roughly eight minutes left on your opening if you want to use that. If not, we'll move to debate.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I...it's simply what I described, that it's authorizing what we are now presently doing. The AG Opinion said it was unclear that they were authorized to charge, and so we want to make it clear in statute to continue what they are doing. It's a service to those that need it. It's a