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understood you to say that, and I guess I had a concern about that we weren't trying to make up because if we made a mistake, why, I guess that was a mistake but as long as we don't lose any more, you're comfortable?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Well, I...I don't think it was a mistake, it's just the fact that we never acted over the years and...and would I like to go back and recover that money? Sure. If I'd wave my magic wand, I'd like to recover that money that was funded out there and hasn't been recovered. That's not going to happen and so I'm comfortable with saying, okay, from this point forward.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I only brought it up because if you're going to recover that money, I would...and I agree with you that it would be good to recover that money but I'd want to know what the time frames so that, you know, how long it would take and how you would build it in. But you said you weren't going to, so it's not...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...an issue to debate. So with that, thanks for your responses and I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bromm, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. LB 556 was heard by the Transportation Committee and there were no opponents. It was voted out 7 yes and 1 not voting. The committee I think heard another bill that would have set a specific fee, and heard the pros and cons and discussed the history of how this fund got to a deficit position, and decided that the better approach on these license plate fees, perhaps, is for us to require that the fee be set only to cover the cost of the plate and renewal tabs, but to put a ceiling on it so that there would be some flexibility. We don't feel that the fund should...that the Highway Trust Fund should be subsidizing this, and it's difficult to anticipate in advance, as a Legislature I guess, what this cost is going to be from time to time, so we felt this