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would really cost them, or what the manufacturer charged them on the installment contract.

SENATOR MINES: Yeah, I agree. I think the \$10 fee is obnoxiously low. However, I may go completely to the other side...

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I understand that too. And I would have no objection to that. It's just trying to bring it into line with something.

SENATOR MINES: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR KREMER: You're welcome.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Mines and Senator Kremer. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Just...thank you, Mr. President, members. Just one further quick question for Senator Kremer. We have all kinds of consumer protection statutes and rules and regulations, you know, throughout our code. There's usury laws. You can charge only a certain amount in interest. And generally, when banks calculate interest, they add all these origination fees in, and all these other...any type of fee, application fees, origination fees. And all those go towards what the interest rate is. Do you have any idea, Senator Kremer, of why this is in the statute to begin with?

SENATOR KREMER: No, I don't.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR KREMER: And I don't even know the date that it was put in there, but it must have been some time ago, (inaudible.)

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't doubt that it was some time ago, because \$10 is quite low. But it seems to me that it's in there for consumer protection. And when you're increasing this fee, and again, I think that the bill was touted as increasing fees, origination fees, just for the ag sector. But it does flow over