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SENATOR CHAMBERS: For sure. This information we're given is given to us in a vacuum, without it having any context in terms of the standard of living, the cost of other things in those states. Because if the cost of everything is higher...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in those states, it would not be unusual that these fees and licensures would cost more. That's all I'll ask you at this point. Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Members of the Legislature, I'm not going to let this or any other issue slide through here when it relates to a general fee structure that impacts throughout the state. If you were talking about a specific profession, and that profession is going to pay fees to underwrite the cost of regulation and so forth, that's one thing. This is entirely different. This is in the realm of a general tax, as far as I'm concerned. So I'm going to discuss these fees and other related matters on every one of these bills. And I have a great deal more to say on this bill. But right now, we're on a motion to kill.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as we approach fees this year...and I think that there...we will be dealing with quite a few issues that have to do with fees...I try to step back and look at the relationship between the fee and whether we are...whether what we want to accomplish is being funded appropriately through that fee. Now, in regard to the Game and Parks cash funds, early in the 1990s there were some cash funds that had grown a great deal and had gotten fairly flush. And so we were very careful to align the fees with the...to spend down the cash funds and then to align the fees with the amount that was necessary to provide the services. And because these were user fees, as long as it was an appropriate relationship between the use and the fee, and the fee was generating the right amount of money for the services that we needed to provide, then that was the rationale for what the fee was set at. So these are not cash funds that have grown top-heavy, because we have made a conscious, concerted effort to