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inspection fees went up like 100 percent. Some of them didn't go up hardly at all. They tried to determine the cost by what the actual cost was of each inspection, rather than just having a blanket fee or an equal fee for everything. If they were weighing or inspecting scales at an elevator may be a lot different than weighing scales in your grocery store that weigh bananas or something. So they tried to have the inspection fee coincide with the actual cost.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Um-hum. All right, do you know what the amount of the raise is?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, it varies with...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Is that on A and B there, that's what it was and that's what they're raising it to, on page 13?

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, about an overall increase of 15 percent without the...the first year, and then it goes down somewhat from there. The flier I was going to hand out had a graph on it showing that. But without the inspection fee, we was going to be...the funds would be depleted by the next fiscal year. So it was because we robbed the fund of \$400,000 is why that took place. So it is about a 15 percent increase, I think, for this year, and next year then it goes down to it looks like about a 10 percent increase the next two years, and then down to about a 2 percent increase. But they would be adjusted each year based on what their projected costs are, and that's what is a good part of the bill that I like.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Now do you know how many scales the Division on Weights and Measures inspects a year?

SENATOR KREMER: I saw that somewhere. But since 1992 I know it has been increased by about 5,000, and they have done that with the same personnel and one less management position. We're trying to find...I read that somewhere but I can't remember what it is. Okay, 32,000 devices that they inspect right now, and that has increased by 5,000 over the last...since the last 10 years, I think it's since '92.