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July...after January 1, 2004, would pay a \$50 fee, and it would be for the running of the program. Any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them. I would encourage your vote on the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Further discussion on the Schrock amendment? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Schrock to close. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM0551 to LB 94. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, AM0554. (Legislative Journal page 704.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Beutler, to open on his AM0554.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this amendment makes three minor changes; one, with respect to the department, to issue temporary provisional certificates in the near term, before the permanent act is put into effect. Currently, the language says the department shall issue a temporary provisional certificate based on the persons applying meeting certain criteria. However, the criteria are very broad, and the question of whether they've met those criteria or not in a substantial sort of way is going to be one of judgment. And therefore, it seemed appropriate to me to change the word "shall" to "may" to give the appropriate discretion to the department. That's the one change. The second change makes clear that the fee schedule is intended to cover the costs of the program, which is not otherwise clear. And the third change is merely technical in nature, and coordinating the law applying to engineers in their section of the statute, coordinates it with the language that is in this