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fees from \$500 to \$750. These license fees have not been changed since 1935. Catering license and fees at the suggestion of the Liquor Control Commission: While the committee is reviewing licenses and fees, it was suggested that we examine the availability of catering license. Therefore, LB 485 would allow all retail liquor license holders to be eligible for a catering license. Currently, only C, D, and D-1 and I licenses can get these special licenses. This change would be allowed any of the new five classes of retail license to get a catering license. The fee for the catering license is also raised in the bill from \$75 to \$100. Next, the act currently requires that all retail liquor licenses, except for D and D-1 license, fees be paid to the city, village, or county treasurer where the license is located. LB 485 would require all the new Class D license fees to be paid to the city, village, or county treasurer as well. Currently, D and D-1 licenses are paid to the commission and credited to the temporary school fund. Nonprofit corporations: LB 485 would allow nonprofit corporations holding a liquor license to sell to the public in addition to members and guests. This is something that is difficult to enforce and has, in all honesty, probably not been going on for years. So while we are making these changes to licenses, this was suggested to be included. Occupation tax clarification: Finally, the last change that the bill makes is really a clarification issue. Currently, only municipalities are limited to charging twice the liquor license fee as an occupation tax on a liquor license. LB 485 would clarify this language by limiting counties to charge twice the license fee for occupation taxes as well. That summarizes the changes in the bill. I would ask for your support in addressing these necessary changes to the licensing structure. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments. Senator Janssen, as Chairman of the committee, you're recognized to open on those amendments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Cudaback, the committee amendment is a technical amendment. It fixes references to a Class D-I license in Section 14 to a Class D-1, which it is supposed to be. It's just a technical amendment. The amendment also adds language