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opening on motion to return, by Senator Thompson, for specific amendment. For discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Combs a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Combs, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR COMBS: If I can answer it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Combs, well, you'll be able to answer this one, I assure you.

SENATOR COMBS: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you had a chance to look at Senator Thompson's amendment and listen to her explanation?

SENATOR COMBS: Yes, I have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you going to accept this amendment?

SENATOR COMBS: No, I don't think that we need to send it back to Select for that right now. Kansas and Missouri charge \$100 and \$150, respectively. Any program that you begin with a fee, you set a fee that seems reasonable with what the State Patrol and the DMV have already told us might be necessary to do the program, and then afterwards you would adjust it, just like we've done for state park permits, entrance fees for that. After the program has been up and going, then you can see if you need to adjust the fee either down or up, whatever it would take to cover. Because I agree it should cover the cost of the program, but we are in line with what a couple other neighboring states are charging right now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you would agree this is a Nebraska bill, not a Kansas or Missouri bill.

SENATOR COMBS: Yes.