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something else has to suffer. And I think it's appropriate that in this situation that we give them the authority to determine what the charges should be in order to meet their overhead, because we do run into a lot of situations where there is inadequate funding for what we do. It's unusual, in a sense, for us to grant authority to an agency to fix fees like this, but I think that this is untrod territory that we're getting into here. We don't know what all the costs are. I know that I've visited with some of the Patrol officers and they don't seem to have a concern about liability, but I do have a bit of a concern about liability in this, because the Patrol is being asked to approve certain people for this, and the question may come up, had they adequately checked out the material to find out if this person was authorized to receive this license. you're giving license to carry a gun, and the question is, have they adequately verified that that person is eligible for this; do they not have the accurate history of background and so forth? That I'm just a little bit troubled by responsibility that the state may be taking on by this. And initially when I looked at the bill I thought this is a problem and...but they say it isn't a problem but they are also an agency of the Governor. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Thompson, on your motion to return.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. One of the areas that the State Patrol task force looked at was the issue of private investigator license investigation, and one of the issues was that the costs to the Patrol were higher than what we were charging for the license. There were also issues for the Secretary of State and the amount of time that they were spending on it. And so actually the Legislature did change that process to allow an appropriate fee to be charged. So this isn't any different than what was done a couple years ago to adjust on that private investigator issue. And, you know, I have...I came to this issue as something I...as kind of like last couple weeks ago when we were talking about the issue of family planning and, you know, it really wasn't anything that I thought I would be talking about or thinking about when I ran for the Legislature. This was something new.