

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I am going to be very brief. I just want to think that we ought to get back to the basic issue here, that we're spent...this...whether \$33 at a basis, in fact I don't know. I roughly figured it out, it is a 50 percent more than the \$20 that everyone else pays, and that takes me back to what the point I want to make. I think originally when this went to 75, I don't know the reason that it jumped up so high, but I think we really ought to be looking at it, at the fact that those that want these message plates, as we are going to call them now, are simply paying more than the ordinary citizen is in paying for their, let's call it, \$20 license plates. So it is kind of interesting that we've talked about reducing the fee, when, in actuality, all we are doing is charging a little more to those that want these message plates, and I would hope that that's the reason the bill was instituted 20 years ago. Sure, some maybe wanted to have a little prestige along with it, but the real thing is, if you want to spend a little more for your plates, and have your name, or whatever, on it, you paid a little more, and that's all it amounts to. And so there...those ordinary citizens that want to pay ordinary prices can perfectly well do that, and those that want to pay a little more, which we are getting, 50 percent more in this case, do it. So I oppose the amendment too. I am not...I don't know that it is unrealistic to go to 48, but I would like to try it at the 33 level, and so I oppose the amendment and would encourage the amendment as originally proposed.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam or Mr. President, I think I will yield some time to Senator Kristensen, did he not want to speak?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR FISHER: I will give him my time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Fisher.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Fisher. I appreciate the time and I will try to be brief, as I am sure that people would like to get on to vote the policy up or down. I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens because Senator Bromm made a speech that struck my fancy and then you made one, and I want to make sure. Senator Bromm said that we are not arguing about anything very big here, and I suggest to you that we are because