

cause us to be downhearted. If that were the case, I'm the one who should feel that way because I'm the only one who cares about the people being gouged here. The other members...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...just go along raising these fees but then there may not be any articles written about what has really been done to them so the public won't know until they have to pay one of them. But if an article is written and it's made clear that they reduced the cost of those prestige plates, they raise the cost of reinstating your license, which you need, by 100 percent, then you're going to see them scrambling around here and complaining about the way what they did was represented. But what we have done, as a body, even though I didn't participate on the affirmative side, I'm a part of this body, what we have done is to tell the public we're going to reduce the cost of that which is optional and raise the cost of everything that is mandatory, and in some cases by 100 percent, in other cases by more than 100 percent. And I can see these politicians running out on the campaign trail fudging the truth and saying they didn't know what they were doing, or we needed this or we needed that. But then they can tell a different story to every group because the public apparently swallows what they're told, or some of them wouldn't even be here.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what I thought you were going to say, and that last remark was for you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you. (Laughter.) Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I will be brief. Senator Chambers, you said earlier that you can...you thought you had the power to raise the dead and I'm not convinced that you do but I...I do believe you have the power to bring a substantial number of this body much closer to that point. And Senator Moore is a prime example of that tonight. I...I guess I want to reemphasize the thing that Senator Moore, Senator Kristensen and others...and I'm not certain that...I'm not certain that the Department of Motor Vehicles understands it, although this is their bill. But any time we affect and change part of this bill we will affect the bottom line which means that we have to find the money somewhere