

unreasonable fee increase. It's in an area where marriage licenses obviously is something you have to have if you're going to be married and \$25.00 is not an unusual nor exorbitant and particularly if you look at areas around us to have. That's the nature of the amendment. As it relates to this particular bill, many of the same people we're talking about suffer abuse. Many of the same people that we've talked about had violence within the home and it seems to me that we need to also look at the other side of the welfare program as well and look into the domestic violence and abuse and say, look, this is a serious problem we have in the state, we need to be doing more, we haven't been able to do as much as we would like, this is the way that we might be able to have some permanent funding to go in that area and I offer this amendment up for the body for its discussion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I am very strenuously opposed to this provision. First of all, what Senator Bernard-Stevens is going to do...let me ask him a question because...Senator Bernard-Stevens, I was talking on another matter but I was trying to listen. Is this the same provision that was in a bill earlier?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, LB 1000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it would raise the marriage license fee to \$25.00.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: From \$10, I think I said 15 but it's from \$10 to \$25.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. I wanted to be sure before I began to talk. First of all, members of the Legislature, if I had my way and the only way a person could be married is to have a marriage license first, we would raise that amount to about \$20,000 and anybody found getting married or carrying on activities that should occur only between married people without having a license, it would be a Class IIB felony. I have in my possession a cartoon that I'm going to share with you all and I call it the Witek, Pirsch, Stenberg desire for minimum sentences. Willie and Ethel are...they're in their basement flat and Willie is watching television and he said, life is one