

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Which one is that?

CLERK: This is an amendment to strike Section 1, I believe, Senator, on page 2.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Section 1 strikes the \$300,000 for the License Plate Cash Fund. As I understand it, the reason we have to spend this \$300,000 is because the counties ordered more plates than the Department of Motor Vehicles anticipated. So I would like to ask Senator Warner a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Warner, when they make license plates and sell them, included in that cost is there a reimbursement for the cost of the license plates?

SENATOR WARNER: A reimbursement?

SENATOR HABERMAN: To pay for the manufacture of the license plates.

SENATOR WARNER: I'm not sure if I follow your question. The...

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, I'll start again. When we buy license plates where does the money come from to pay for the metal, the reflective stuff, the wages of the State Pen? Where does the money come from to pay for all of that?

SENATOR WARNER: Under current law, Senator Haberman, there is a \$1.00 charge, per ticket, per plate each year that a new plate is issued. From that dollar it pays for the...it goes toward the payment of the plate, plus the payment for stickers in subsequent years. It does not quite cover it, however.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is this \$300,000, you are saying that there isn't enough money collected, that they are going to go in the hole \$300,000 by making these plates?

SENATOR WARNER: No, the actual appropriation is out of the Highway Trust Fund. So the appropriations level we made, a year ago when the plates were, I guess it is two years ago now, when the plates were authorized that are now being distributed, why you appropriate from the Highway Trust Fund an amount equal to