

are you authorized to open on the bill?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Microphone not activated)..Senator Withem wants to return to the Chamber, I'll turn it over to him, but I will handle at this point. This simply says that we may make transfers from the fund, which in this case is the motor vehicles fund, to the General Fund at the direction of Legislature and allows us, in this case, to transfer several dollars, several million, 2.5 million dollars I believe it is, back to the General Fund because of cash funds building up in the Department of Motor Vehicles, 2 million. This authorizes that to be done. It's an issue this year that's arisen. We've had very good management of Department of Motor Vehicles. There may be a need for some of this money in the future so we didn't want to change it at this point, but there is excess cash that has been built up in there as a result of operations. We took this money back. We do this routinely from many agencies. We did not have the authority to do it in Department of Motor Vehicles without this change in the statute and this is what this proposes to do. We will see a time in the future that the cash will may be well needed in this as we go into some future mandates, federal issues, and so I don't...we didn't see fit to change the price fee structure at this point. We simply are taking the money back this year. It's about 2 million dollars.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Discussion on the advancement of LB 1191. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, members. I just want to bring up one point, that I'll support LB 1191, but I did have some questions as to some of the future projects that will be in the Department of Motor Vehicles and especially when it comes to the changing in driver's license and the contract that we have with Polaroid and when that contract will change and what that might mean monetarily, and perhaps would have been more comfortable if the money had stayed there so it could remain maybe more of a cash agency, not knowing what that expense would be. But having noted that, did want to point out that there will be a point in time where the Department of Motor Vehicles will have some added expense because of that change and putting out that equipment. In looking at the type it will be with having your picture taken, whether it will have a hologram on it as planned and what that contract might mean, knowing that I don't think this, to point out to the body, this will not, I