

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think all the staff over there will vouch for me.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That will work. Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Withem and members of the body, I actually was going to do this the other day for Senator Robak when she was in Executive Board and that opportunity eluded me, but I have another opportunity today to present this A bill which has \$4,140 of cash funds for the Department of Motor Vehicles to mail handicapped parking permits directly to the applicants and currently the department mails permits to the county for issuance. DMV will continue to mail counties a copy of the application form and the permit number. I understand that this is being done for the convenience of the applicants who have to end up making several trips to the courthouse to get their applications, to fill them out, to get the actual permits and so forth. The bill also provides for a redistribution of the three dollar handicap parking permit fee to cover increased costs to the state to do an extra mailing. Currently counties retain \$2.50 and fifty of the fee for a handicap parking permit is deposited in the state general fund. LB 1211 requires counties to retain \$2 of the fee and remit \$1 to the DMV General Fund. So with that, I would be happy to try to answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I want to thank Senator Robak and Senator Schimek, I just stand up to support this particular proposal. What this will do is provide an opportunity for an awful lot of handicapped people to get their approved plate through the mail rather than having to make another trip back to whatever courthouse or outlet, at the city hall for their handicapped sticker. This was provided and recommended after some negotiations with a lot of counties. There are 93 counties but there are 292 places where people can apply for and pick up their handicapped stickers. We appreciate also the cooperation of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Thank you very much and I hope you support this proposal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lynch. There are no further lights on. Senator Schimek waives closing. Question is, shall LB 1211A be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.