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As I worked on this bill, I kept thinking of the song that I used to hear in my junior high years about poor old Charlie on the MTA, and that's what happens to a lot of people when they get into this very complex, complicated system. And a lot of people are...maybe didn't pay a fine because of poverty, but as they spiral into the system they acquire all sorts of other penalties because they didn't pay that initial fine. It's difficult for them to get out. What we want them to do is to do the right thing, pay the fine. We want them to compel them to have that good behavior. But we've created a system that is so complicated, it's very difficult for the average person to figure how to get out. So with that, that is LB 38. And even though it's a rather lengthy bill, it...most aspects of it are just trying to clear up and clarify the statute and create a more rational way to approach this issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced). Senator Baker, I understand you're authorized to handle committee amendments as a member of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. You're recognized to open.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, and members. I won't take more than ten minutes here. Now I know more people are listening to this...all this committee amendment does is corrects an oversight by Bill Drafting, inserting the reinstatement fee. What the committee amendment does is it makes it consistent with the other proposed changes...excuse me...within the bill. And I'd be glad to answer any questions or for that matter, refer them to Senator Thompson. But that's all it does. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, thank you. We're open for discussion on the committee amendments to LB 38. I see no lights, Senator Baker, did you wish to...Senator Baker waives closing. Question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 38. All in favor vote aye; opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments to LB 38. Have you all voted who wish to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee