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being given here including those figures in the fiscal statement that don't quite make sense to me. We are charging an extra dollar on that to cover the cost of the photo on the drivers license. We are told that these photos can be made for a cost of 60¢ per unit. We are told also that the county treasurers fee is being increased from five percent to ten percent meaning that the county treasurers fee is being increased from 30¢ per license to 70¢ per license. There is also another law on the books right now, Section 60-409.01 which says fifty percent of all drivers license fees must be used for purposes of financing drivers education programs in the state of Nebraska. Therefore, if we start with a dollar subtract forty cents for the treasurer which is the additional share that he would get, subtract fifty percent of this dollar for driver education purposes, this means that we are only left with ten cents to pay for the cost of the color photo on the drivers license. Therefore, we have an additional fifty cents per drivers license that is going to have to be picked up by general fund money which would amount to if we are talking again about 333,000, 335,000 licenses per year it would mean an additional general fund expense of \$160,000.00 approximately, so I think we need to take another look at the financing of this thing and I think we also need to ask ourselves whether the people in our district really feel that this will serve them.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, fellow members, I am real pleased with Senator Anderson's discussion on this, I'm aware that he gave in detail the, how the financing will be covered and what it really will cost the state. He's went in some depths that I thought that we should have and I feel that the fifty cents that would be, I'm sure the actual cost if you go into it, to the state per license the dollar is what we are giving the people an opportunity to again add to their costs, so it's really a cost to the tax payer, a dollar plus, and this is what the people at home are interested in. I had the opportunity to in town hall meetings do the same as Senator Anderson has done, not one wanted a color photograph in my district that I've talked to. This is been true when I visited with treasurers and the county officials yesterday. They say the people that they are talking too, and they are real close to them because of the exact reason that Senator Anderson gave. So I think we should listen to the people that we are here to represent, I just can't help but think if the bankers want a colored photograph on your check books, they're now putting it on there, but I just can't say that if we the tax payer and the senators that are representing the tax payer don't listen to the people back home, we are not doing what they are requesting. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Stromer. I believe he had a question of Senator Nore. Senator Nore will you yield the floor, yield to a question excuse me. Senator Stromer has a question.

SENATOR STROMER: Senator Nore, are you aware that the, you talked about the county treasurers are you aware that the northeast county treasurers association voted in resolution to support this particular bill and that two of the county treasurers who would have the greatest work load increase from Douglas County and Sarpy County were here to help in testimony in support of this bill?

SENATOR NORE: Yes I am, I'm sort of aware of that. We had the bill one time for the county Sheriff, several years ago, and they come the committee I think it was judiciary, and the president of the County Sheriff Association came before us and said that the County Sheriff's are one hundred percent for