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SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Well we reduced the abstracts we, the amendments to the committee amendments made it a straight dollar. Well the insurance companies because of the cost of producing an abstract, was only 39¢, they felt this was unreasonable, and it is quite extensive the number of abstracts that they use, so I asked them if 75¢ would be more in keeping and they said yes, and the other change was instead of 25% of the dollar, we need 50% of the 75¢ in order to, to run the computerization program, now this is all it does. Actually the computerization program is being paid for by the insurance companies with the additional fees that is being charged on the abstracts. It won't change the general fund too much, but it will insure that they will be computerized.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President I'll ask that this bill be laid over tomorrow at least until we can work with Mr., Senator Richendifer and find out just what the net result of this is.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Well I think probably I explained it the way the bill was originally, it produced about one hundred and ten thousand dollars in revenue for the computerization program the way it's written now, it produces one hundred and three thousand dollars, so there is no difference except in that, there is not a bit of difference then from what the committee's amendments were, as far as revenue producing.

SENATOR GOODRICH: What you're saying though is, is that your striking the one dollar per abstract and going back to the original 75¢, you're going to produce more money in the long run, right?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Well we are going to produce by the 50% is the only way that we're producing --

SENATOR GOODRICH: 50% of what?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Because you see the way the amendments read in there, the 25% of the dollar will produce seventy thousand dollars, well this isn't enough to run the computer program, so we need 50% of 75¢ to run the computer program.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well first of all, let me interrupt you a second, the charge right now that they are making is 75¢ per an abstract.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: That's a single abstract but on ten --

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well let's stay with a single for a minute, let's get this clear, we are charging 75¢ now, and you're saying we are going to continue to charge 75¢, correct.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: For single abstract and any groups, if they get a hundred, it's still 75¢, we tried to get away from this split up.

SENATOR GOODRICH: In other words, you're saying 75¢ per abstract straight out regardless of the number they get?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Straight across the board.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, then you're, really what you're doing is you're increasing the fee on multiple requests, for abstracts

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