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this will be of course, used they say to, for statistics, for statistics only, but I believe that these records can be subpoenaed in case of a law suit and for that reason I object to, for this bill, and I object to it being raised now.

PRESIDENT: Alright, are you all through discussing the motion now? Senator Epke did you wish to be recognized again? Senator Epke do you want to yield the floor to Senator Maresh who apparently wants to be heard here, thank you, Senator Maresh go ahead.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I was one of those who voted to get this bill out on the floor, and I will vote again to raise this bill, I think we should not be afraid of exposing the real cause for all these accidents and I think this might do the job to show that there is a alcohol problem in driving.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Epke.

SENATOR EPKE: Mr. President, would Senator Barnett yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett will you yield to a question?

SENATOR BARNETT: I'll try.

SENATOR EPKE: We had a couple of questions in committee that wasn't answered, and maybe you have the information now. Who do they feel will be designated to take these blood samples?

SENATOR BARNETT: I can't answer that, that was to be set up by the Coroners in the county and that could be set up by several people, there are patrolmen who are capable of doing this at the present time, it would depend, the funeral directors are capable of doing that, if they so desire, the Coroner request this permission for them, it can be done in a hospital, it can be done by nurses, it can be done by doctors, it can be done by himself if he so desires.

SENATOR EPKE: Is there any idea what the cost of this would be?

SENATOR BARNETT: I think there was a fiscal impact note to this something like fifteen thousand dollars, and this is for the equipment, all that it takes is the equipment and then they can do the transferring back and forth.

SENATOR EPKE: I'm talking about paying the individual that draws the blood and I think in many cases it will probably wind up a doctor doing it, I'm sure the undertaker isn't going to do it, besides that in most cases the undertaker likes to embalm their body immediately, we know that.

SENATOR BARNETT: But I would Senator Epke that possibly it would be done at a hospital during the doctor's examination, the same as anything else. If a doctor does it, a coroner does it, whoever, it's the body, a pathologist might do it, and it would be added to that fee, I don't know whether it would be that much to sticking that needle in somebody and draw a little blood.

SENATOR EPKE: Well it cost a little more than I think you realize.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well I'm just going by what they've put out for the fiscal note, that's all, and I think it's fifteen thousand, isn't it Walt, I don't have it in front of me, I'm at the wrong mike.