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present motor vehicle registration fees to be retained by the county treasurers to process a motor vehicle registration. Presently they are allowed to retain 25¢ out of the fee. Now this extra 25¢ that they have been retaining then would come along with the rest of the fee into the Highway Trust Fund so it would be an additional 25¢ would come to the Highway Trust Fund but the additional dollar would be retained by the county treasurers for the processing of the motor vehicle fees which is just about in line with the evidence they submitted as to what the cost was today. Presently they have to subsidize the processing of the registration fees and it is taken naturally from property tax so this bill, if this bill is passed, then it would say that the entire cost of processing the registration fees would come from the motor vehicle user himself and would not be subsidized by any other kind of a tax. I move for the advancement of LB 404.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, once again, people that want to spend money are going to do so on the floor of the Legislature, if they get 25 votes. This is going to increase the tax, the tax on the people of Nebraska \$1,400,000. What's it for? So the local government has more money, so that they don't have to come and put it on the property tax. I am going to tell you that everytime there is a bill comes on the floor of this Legislature, and I reminded Charlie Thone, Governor Thone, of it this morning, there comes a bill that we are going to increase spending, we are going to increase taxes, I am going to remind you and the people of this state of it. This goes from 25¢ to \$1.00, three times the increase, 300% increase in the license fee, the amount that the county takes. I am just telling you right out that if you want to keep on adding on to the tax of the people, \$1,400,000 here, another two or three hundred thousand some place else, there is another bill that is coming up that they say they want \$500,000 for. If you keep on doing that, you are going to have the taxpayers down here sooner than you think. I would ask you to kill this bill and kill any bill that increases the taxes on the people of this state, especially those people that have got nobody in the back of the room talking for them. If they have got people back there talking for them, fine and dandy, but for goodness sake, let's not increase taxes on the people that have no one representing them except the Senator and he is drawing \$400 a month.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Newell.