

IB263 was brought to the Public Health and Welfare Committee by the Department of Health and, specifically, the Bureau of Examining Boards within the Department of Health. They frequently bring legislation of this type before the Legislature to adjust fees for the various professional review boards and examining boards within the Department. This particular bill as introduced made a number of changes in fees for funeral directors from \$30 to \$50 and also changed the fees for dental hygienist, osteopaths, physical therapists, funeral directors, embalmers, chiropractors, podiatry, pharmacy, dentistry, medicine and surgery as well. The committee decided that we would change the whole approach so far as fees are concerned for all of these various agencies. We decided to adopt a proposal and I believe this proposal actually was embodied in legislation that came to us in the sunset process from Senator Warner's committee, and that is that the fees be between \$10 and \$50 and then the particular examining board set those fees somewhere within the \$10 to \$50 range to cover the cost of their own operation and that way we would not have this type of legislation coming before the Legislature every year to make a \$3 or \$4, \$5 adjustment on this fee and a \$10 adjustment on that fee, that they would have to set it somewhere between the \$10 range and the \$50 range and again they would have to set those fees so as to cover their cost of operation. We also included fees for veterinarians as well within this \$10 to \$50 range. Those are the committee amendments, and I urge you to adopt them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, would Senator Cullan yield to a question please.

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Cullan, in doing this same kind of review of fees in the Appropriations Committee, we have noticed, for example, that there are a lot of fees that cannot possibly cover the cost of administering, in not necessarily this list but all the lists. We covered every fee we could find in the statutes, and what I am wondering, have you given any consideration to those fees that cannot be covered by the cost, in other words, cannot cover the... the fee, in other words, cannot be set at such a level as to cover the cost so that we could then recover some of the cost from some of the other fees to help offset the losses that we are going to be taking that we have to make up in general funds and that sort of thing in those that