

will trick them and that's the way the Legislature is going to enact taxes. And you're going to say it's to accomplish a worthwhile goal and that justifies it? Somebody had mentioned the other day, we were talking about a very, very minuscule increase in unemployment benefits and you saw what happened to that in the Legislature because they didn't want the employers to have to put out a few more nickels. Right? Isn't that right? So what do the same conservatives do today? Stick it to the groups that are going to buy marriage licenses or have the need for a certified copy of a birth certificate. That is not consistent and it is not fair. The Legislature is neither a paragon of consistency or fairness, but when the occasion arises we still have to mention those kind of ideas. I hope that you will adopt this amendment and in order that I don't fly a false flag and mislead Senator Higgins about my intent, my intent, Senator Higgins, is to get rid of all of the additional fees on marriage licenses and birth certificates. I'm starting with the committee amendment because that is the issue before us now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: After we move past the committee amendment, I'll then move into the green copy of the bill itself and try to remove the fees that the bill places on the birth certificate copies as well as the new fee attached to the marriage license. I think it is a gross injustice being worked here today and I hope that you will support this amendment and it will merely be a prelude to other amendments of a similar nature on the bill itself.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, may I ask a question of Senator Wesely, please?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, please, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, sure, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, noticing the summary of the bill, it says, when the fund reaches the total of 2.5 million only the interest income could be expended and the marriage license and birth certificate fees would be terminated.