

SENATOR HABERMAN: We had another bill yesterday, the seat belt bill, and I raised the question of a fiscal note and the fiscal people came down to see me and they told me that if the bill did not directly refer to having something having to be done, they didn't prepare a fiscal note. I was asking how much it was going to cost to put up signs. They said, if a bill states directly that there is a cost, a fiscal note should be attached. So I would like to ask who decides, Mr. President, what is the proper fiscal note and where does a senator go or this body go to get proper fiscal notes? That's my question that I'd like to ask you, sir, because the rule says and that...can you answer my question? How are we supposed to get a proper fiscal note?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, we have a fiscal analyst, as you well know, and it would be my suggestion that any of us may go to them to find out if there should be a fiscal note. Then if there is, we should have a right to ask them what it is. If there is not, then you have reasonable argument with them or debate with the fiscal office to point out to them whether or not there should be a fiscal note attached. If they should refuse, then I would think that you should bring this up before this body at the time the bill is discussed.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, five minutes ago they told me there should be a fiscal note on the counties with this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Pardon me, I didn't hear the...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Five minutes ago they told me there should be a fiscal note as to what it is going to cost the counties with this bill and, therefore, I just...you've just confirmed that they...that that's what they told me but you told me that we can go ahead although fiscal people said there should be a note and you're saying we don't need one. So...I guess it's look like I'm in the same place I've been many times. You can't get anything done until you really...thank you, I'll bring it up on the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: That's fine. That's the place to do it. Thank you, Senator Haberman. Back to Senator Wesely, are we? Yes, we're back on the bill, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I really don't know