

here today. He would be outraged. He would be ranting and raving and he would go on for days, and if I were as eloquent as he, would be ranting and raving too, but I'm not. But I would simply point out to you, there must be an awful lot of you holding your noses a little bit, aren't there? I don't see any, but I mean, really, we are cutting off the earmarking of funds, right? Right. Good job. In other words instead of earmarking them we are just raising them. Anybody can guess the purpose that we are raising them for, but nobody is thinking that it is for the purpose of funding this bill, are they? No. I don't think that there is really any reason to raise those fees that is justified, other than the justification of funding this particular bill. There was no justification before and you didn't buy it. I don't know what the justification would be now, and I hope that you don't buy it at this particular point in time. Thank you.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Miller.

**SENATOR V. JOHNSON:** Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Lynch's amendment. The issue is, should certain fees be raised? Senator Lynch says we should increase the marriage license fee from \$10 to \$20. Now let's consider that, just think about that in and of itself. It would cost a person in our state \$20 to get married or \$20 to get the license to get married. Now it would also cost the person probably \$20 for the county judge, if that person went to a county judge, because that is about what the county judges tend to charge. It might cost that person \$25 for the minister or the priest or the rabbi as a gift or a contribution to get married. In addition, of course, if that person decided to have a big celebration why it will cost money for the gowns, and the tuxedos and the parties, etc., etc., etc. But, basically, a \$20 charge from the state for the right to be married is an incredibly inexpensive charge. It is the kind of charge that virtually anybody joyously in love can afford to pay for the pleasure of becoming either the bride or the groom. Now with respect to a delayed birth certificate, I believe Senator Lynch said he was going to increase the fee from \$5 to \$6. Now I would guess if anybody delayed getting a birth certificate they ought to pay the additional dollar. There is no...it is no big deal. It doesn't make any difference, frankly, whether the charge is \$5 or \$6 as best I can tell. It might as well be \$6 as opposed to \$5, or \$1 or \$10. But \$6 is not a large