

amount of money for a delayed birth certificate. In terms of a regular birth certificate I think again Senator Lynch is going to increase that from \$5 to \$6 if I can remember his figures correctly. There may be more reason for not having an increase to the regular birth certificate cost. I think that virtually all of us need to get a regular birth certificate at one time or another, and maybe that is one area that we ought to keep the fee very low on. But I might put an amendment on there to knock that one out. But the rest of the charge increases I don't think are unfair, unrealistic, or inappropriate or bad news. I can certainly support them.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller, please.

SENATOR MILLER. I don't see this bill...this as earmarking. I see this as balancing the budget. In fact Will Rogers once said that to be a good government right after a law is passed the legislature should pass a law to raise the money. This is good judgement...good government according to his judgement. I would also say that maybe this bill could stand an emergency clause, then the \$20 would catch me as I'm getting married July 5.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Better not wait. Senator Vickers, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, you know Senator Warner and others have objected to earmarking. I know there is more than one way to mark the ear, you don't have to actually cut the end of it off, but I guess I would call this ear tattooing. I think we are still marking it. It doesn't...it seems to me that Senator Johnson who has raised the issue in the past about our cash portion of our budget, I think it is rather ironic that Senator Johnson, at this point in time, stands up and says that it is okay to increase cash funds, it is okay to raise fees, it is okay to delve in that part of the budget as far as I'm concerned with this particular issue. I have a difficult time in getting over the philosophy that this body simply doesn't have the intestinal fortitude to raise the funds from the general fund budget to provide funds to prevent child abuse. So we are trying to come up with all kinds of innovative mechanisms to do it without doing it right straight up front, like we would do it for a host of other things that government does. That is really what is going on. I have a