

May 6th, Senator Lynch had an amendment pending to the bill. (See Lynch amendment on page 2100 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, do you remember that? You are recognized if you wish to to pursue your amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, my amendment had to do with funding and it had to do with the responsibility of replacing money if you intended to spend any. In this case, this very important I think and worthwhile effort, we had to think of ways to do that. We discussed at some length in the past raising fees. First of all, this applies to the concept of raising fees. I am not as concerned as so many in that regard. I think fees are important and a necessary tool to provide service to people, especially where you can identify a responsibility and identify the fee. For example, if you want to play golf on a public golf course, you pay a fee to play golf. If you register a deed in the court house, you pay a fee to register the deed. That makes some sense. It also helps hold down local taxes in whatever form that might be, property and also state sales tax. My amendment simply was to raise the marriage license fee an additional \$10 to \$20, to raise the delayed birth certificate \$1, from 5 to 6, the certificate of birth for adoption from 5 to 6, and a new certificate of birth \$1, from 5 to 6. This would raise approximately \$190,000. I think it is important for us to consider this because I think it is important for us to consider, seriously consider, and pass LB 333. So I would ask for your consideration for this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Clerk has an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Lynch amendment. (See amendment on pages 2183-84 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Lynch's amendment as you are all aware reestablishes the extra \$10 on the marriage licenses, doubling it from \$10 to \$20, and in addition increases the fees for birth certificates, both of which are designed to come up with an amount approximating \$250,000 a year for the