

supported government by sales tax and income tax, and the fees, of course, had to be for a specific purpose. I feel very strongly about that. I feel that is the reliable way to do it, it is the up front way to do it. It is the method by which you identify costs. I think that it is a serious mistake, it is a serious mistake to allow the proliferation of this kind of fee. I recognize that we are in a budget crunch. We are in a tight fiscal situation. It is not going to get any better. It is going to get worse before it gets better. I guess if you think it hurts now, better be prepared for a year from now, or maybe even a few months from now. But I think if we embark upon this course we have made a serious mistake. Again, I want to commend Holly Jensen. She was totally honest when she came before the committee, as was Senator Lynch, and said this is a revenue-raising measure. But it was determined by the members of the committee, including Senator Lynch, that it was not the honest way to do it. If the true costs can be shown to be greater than what we have identified here, then we ought to take a look at it. The true cost, and you have the figures here, vary from 75 to 90 cents, something in that area. The \$1.00 fee covers it. There is another factor involved. I'm not going to go into that at this time. But there can be a method whereby the insurance companies, who use a large bulk of the service, will go around the system if we try to do it that way.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I oppose bringing the resurrection of the bill. I believe the bill should rest in peace where it is at. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, then Senator Hoagland are the last two lights.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, am on the Public Works Committee and I questioned this. I certainly do admit that this would probably be a revenue-raising measure to a certain extent. But what always questioned me, in my mind, is who is going to pay for the fringe benefits and the many others things, and our directors and so on that are over and above the exact direct cost of that computer or extracting that record. I think this is somewhat, to me, a case of the insurance companies wielding the whip. I also recall in the committee where we had a \$990,000 deficit in the motor