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SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I probably should not even mention this because I'm not exactly definite on the figures and I certainly stand to be corrected. I tried to get them right quick. I believe that the whole program, drivers examiners, printing the materials, putting it in the...issuing the drivers license, the amount extended to the treasurers for issuing drivers license in Holly Jensen's department over there, it seemed to me in my mind last year it runs through this, and I certainly stand to be corrected, there was a loss of \$997,000 in that department. So even...I certainly agree with Senator Sieck's concern, but I am the same as Senator Vickers. You are simply taking money out of the general budget. If we continue, as the cigarettes, we no longer can fund education as we should. We tried to get some help for the farmers and natural resource, we tried to get it on economic development. I'm not saying the principle is not right, but you are simply taking money out of the General Fund. We'll be back here arguing this whole thing again in January.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to correct a figure I used just a little bit ago. I indicated about a \$3 million loss. I just scratched it on a piece of paper. I forgot it was a four year license. I should have divided it by four, so the annual reduction, or in one year is more like \$860,000. But, nevertheless, I would still urge the rejection under the circumstances of the shortfall and anticipated revenue, and encourage you not to make this adjustment at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, but that was the end of it. Senator Sieck, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, I would. The discussion has been very interesting. I think it holds true of what we've done. We're doing something here that is not proper. We raised the fee for drivers license, for drivers education, and