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that would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you ask this question of the mayor or anybody who is supporting this bill?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, I asked them what the likely charge would be and they said their best guess estimate would be in the neighborhood of 44 cents a bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since this is something that is going to be added to whatever the fee is, why do you think it was not important enough for the mayor and his representatives to simply ask that question or approach the utility district as to what it would be likely to cost?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, Senator, they did approach MUD, and MUD said, yes, they would be willing to do it but they did not calculate what it would cost, but, you know again, I think their best guess estimate would be Bellevue is a good example and probably in the neighborhood of 44 cents.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want precision in this answer if I can obtain it. Is it MUD...you are saying MUD is guessing what they would charge the city?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, Senator, they gave...I believe they gave an estimate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what was the...and that estimate was 44 cents per bill?

SENATOR HORGAN: As far as I know, yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what the mayor told you was MUD's estimate or his guess based on what is charged in Bellevue?

SENATOR HORGAN: That is what the city's lobbyist told me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which one?

SENATOR HORGAN: Jerry Prazan.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And did he tell you, because I want a record here, did he tell you that is what MUD said they are likely to charge for each one of these bills, 44 cents?