

is that there is another bill, LB 653, which will be heard the 21st of March which does that for all state agencies, and as you see in this particular bill, if you look at the committee amendments, it references 81-1176 and 653 does that for the entire state. So I guess the suggestion, and if people agree, is that we ought to change that mileage reimbursement rate all at once, all in one bill, and in a matter of fact, that particular mileage reimbursement rate from 21 to 24 was part of the bargained agreement that has been signed with NAPE, AFSCME and the other representative bargaining units and so I...nothing is for sure in this business, particularly in the budget business, but 653 is simply a statutory change that changes that from 21 to 24. I would move to strike it from this particular bill. I'm afraid if you let this go forward I think we'll be seeing other amendments like this throughout the session from various different agencies changing their own little statute. I think it would be more proper for the body to do it in one claim form, and keep all those mileage reimbursement rates all referenced to 81-1176. So with the introducer's consent, if he so chooses, I would ask that we strike this portion of the bill, and deal with that issue in one fell swoop for state government in total in LB 653.

SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bernard-Stevens on the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Simply, members of the body, that I support the amendment and appreciate Senator Moore's work on this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Dierks, on the amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Moore a question.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Would there be any particular harm in letting this legislation go through as written without striking, without passing your amendment? Would there be any particular harm in having this in place as well as what happens with LB 663, or