

relate to cost per mile and I would like to indicate this. There is ten, there is seventeen, seventeen, twenty, twelve, ten, sixteen, ten, ten, and if you believe it, we have got an .04. Actually it is less now in one place in the statute than what it was in 1886 when they were riding horses. I made a recommendation to that committee that after we got into this that really the mileage situation really needs addressed and I would recommend that we do a study on mileage during the interim and come back with some better recommendations than what we have right now and this twenty-one cents, Senator Keyes, would only be kind of a temporary thing for one year. Possibly we could look at it much better in the long term. I support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, do you wish to speak? We are on the DeCamp amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the DeCamp-Wagner amendment. I think it is very interesting that we make an evaluation of what we are talking about. I think that every piece of information that I have seen provides for a twenty-one or a twenty-two cent cost of running a vehicle and I don't think anybody disagrees with those facts. Now it is an unusual situation in a year when people are saying that we only should give our employees seven percent increase which is below the cost of living that we want them to subsidize the state and political subdivisions by paying a portion of their mileage required, required by their employers. We are not talking about the people driving to work on their own and going home. We are not talking about the ordinary use of that vehicle. We are talking about a state senator from North Platte, for instance, driving to Lincoln and back and he is supposed to subsidize, he is supposed to subsidize the state and I guess that is because of the high salary already remunerated to that individual. We are talking about a county employee that is required, that is required by their employer to travel somewhere on official business, official business, now we are not paying for going out to the golf courses or to anything else, on official business. Now we want to subsidize. Now I know this is the time that we are all concerned about saving money. I don't think one employee ought to get one cent more than can be justified in terms of mileage but I want to hear the arguments, I want to hear the arguments that eighteen cents or eighteen and a half cents will pay for operating a vehicle and I want the same guy making the argument to negotiate a lease for me based on that payment because it is just not going to happen and no one here has