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to buy their own meals and as I figured this out, this amounts to \$4.50 per day so it isn't very much if you really look at it. They are required to work twenty-two days a month and \$100 a month amounts to \$4.50 a day. So it isn't too much for two meals. I sure encourage you to support this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, I concur with the remarks made by Senator Dworak and want to add thereto just a little bit. As the Maresh-Sieck amendment that would be put on LB 998 is one that I pushed for as "just a reasonable thing to do" and that is whenever you can take income and make it a federal tax deduction item, do so. It is my understanding of the Appropriations Committee actions to give special raises to the highway patrol people in lieu of if nothing else, in lieu of just this amendment. The reason is the committee felt that this was not well researched, that they were unable to make up their mind to use the tax deduct route for the patrol at this time because whenever you push a balloon one place it wobbles another and we don't know what the wobble is and I strongly suggest that Senator Maresh nor Senator Sieck nor Richie Lombardi know what the wobble is either. The concept has merit and at one time the State of Nebraska will be using this concept but it is dangerous to use it on the twelfth day of a major appropriation bill, eleven, ten, on March 24. Don't accept this amendment. Accept the concept and work towards doing it but do not accept this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in support of some sort of fee or a small amount of money for these troopers. I don't think we should expect them to eat out of a brown bag. If we propose a little money for them they can get out of their car and relax a little while they are eating their lunch. We in private business give money to our employees so that they can eat when they are away from home. I think it is only fair, only just and therefore, I would urge you to support this amendment or some other amendment that takes care of a little of the expenses that the troopers have.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I rise to support the amendment and I would like to say that I would like to have Senator Dworak