

my light isn't working, Mr. President. Mr. President and fellow committee members, or fellow legislators, this bill is something that I believed in when I introduced it on behalf of the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association. I think we need some uniformity throughout the state in the sheriffs' department, but the big advantage that was addressed and that come down in the amendment was the fact that there will be a central purchasing point that the deputies or the counties, whichever way it is in there, can go to, and it will be quite a saving either to the deputies or to the county in the long run. So this is my reasoning for it and I support the amendments that were proposed before. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, your amendment is up there. The Clerk will....(interruption).

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, I will just briefly state, Mr. Speaker, the amendment just coordinates their outfits. If they wear brown shoes and brown belt and a brown holster, why it is only natural that all the accessories that are called leather would be the same. This was left out of the specifications for the uniform. I think it would only help make them look sharp and that was the intent. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Seeing no lights, I will put the question, all those in favor....Senator Cope, your light is on.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I am not sure this is the place for the question but I do need to ask a question before the bill moves. Can I ask it now?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR COPE: I have a question of Senator Beyer. Senator Beyer, I just want to be sure now, how is the state involved? Do they buy the uniforms and resell them or do they just recommend the type of uniform and the uniforms are bought through the counties?

SENATOR BEYER: Senator Cope, with the amendment that was just adopted prior to this, the Department of Administrative Service puts out this description for bids, then those bids are put in. The Department of Administrative Service does not buy these uniforms. It is the contract that they sign that all the sheriffs' departments will go to that supplier to get their uniforms. It takes out the