

would allow those public vehicles to be used in a ride sharing arrangement to pick up other public employees to take them back to the state government or the local government employer the next day's operation so that public cars or vehicles may be used in a ride sharing arrangement. Again Sections 9 and 10 have been struck from the bill. They did relate to the guest statute. That policy decision has been made by the Judiciary Committee and therefore are irrelevant to our discussion at this time. I would move the adoption of the passage of LB 50 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: A motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is from Senator Haberman. (Read Haberman amendment as found on page 785, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Unicameral, this bill disturbs me because if you read Section 4 it says, "An employer shall not be liable for injuries to passengers and other persons resulting from the operation or use of a motor vehicle not owned, leased or contracted for by the employer in a ride sharing arrangement." My amendment says, "or driven" by the employer. The reason I added this is out where I come from the little businessmen, there is no leasing firm. You cannot contract with anybody to pick up your employees. The hospital administrator goes out and picks up the nurses or picks up the people who works in the kitchen and brings them to the hospital to work and the nursing home administrator does the same thing. The small manufacturer that has two or three employees picks up his employees on the way to work and gives them a ride. Now this is in the daytime. He is not going to be drunk. He is not going to be reckless or it isn't a Saturday night and we are penalizing the small businessman and the people who cannot afford to hire somebody to pick up their employees. I feel that he should be responsible and he is responsible. He would probably have insurance but let's say that he doesn't have enough insurance. He can lose his business. Then they say, well, buy more insurance. Can't afford to buy the insurance. So all I am saying is when an employer picks up the employee and takes him to or from work and he has an accident, he is exempt from injuries to the passengers. Now I ask that you support this amendment to help the little fellow. The big fellow is going to get along all right because he can hire, or he can lease, or he can charter somebody to do it, and he isn't going out and drive it anyway but the little fellow has to. Thank you, Mr. President.