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time which is contrary to the whole concept of the Motor Pool. There are lots of people who use cars heavily. County Extension Agents use cars all the time. There is probably more justification for giving a County Extension Agent a car full time than there is for giving the Treasurer or some of these constitutional officers a car full time if the theory behind it is the useage of the car but the Motor Pool concept is a real good concept and I think we should stick to it and I think the constitutional officers should be a part of it just like everybody else is. In addition to that this kind of an act is a highly symbolic act. It smells of eliteism and I don't think that during these times when we are asking the taxpayers of Nebraska to make special sacrifices in a lot of different areas that it is time to be giving constitutional officers special privileges including their own special car. I suggest to you that this is unnecessary fluff, unnecessary expense and highly detrimental in a symbolic sense and I hope that you will adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Goodrich if he would respond, please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Goodrich, how many units are we talking about here?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Five.

SENATOR STONEY: We are talking about a total of five vehicles.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right.

SENATOR STONEY: At the present time these individuals do not have state owned automobiles for their own personal use.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Not unless they check them out at the Motor Pool, or whatever they call that pool over there, and the problem is that they do not have access to them at night. If they got a call for a problem at night, they can't go get one at night, that type of thing.

SENATOR STONEY: So we are talking about five vehicles at probably an average of, what would you estimate the average cost of these vehicles to be, eight to nine thousand dollars?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Your fiscal note says \$6,557 average cost of the vehicle, \$1,200 for gasoline, \$500 for maintenance.