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\$8,257 times five is \$41,285...

SENATOR STONEY: Annually.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ...per year. Right, annually.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Goodrich. Well, ladies and gentlemen, we all know and we have read newspaper accounts and we have heard through the various media sources that there are reductions in our revenues as we anticipated them earlier and it seems now that it would be a time for all of us here at the state level and especially these constitutional officers who this perq. would be given to, to be conservative and attempt to ... I guess no one is interested in this particular presentation. Oh, I guess they are. Senator Labeledz said they really are. I think it is an opportunity for these individuals to express their conservatism and to express their concern over the limited resources that are available for appropriation. I think that they, as the members of the Legislature do, own private automobiles, and if it is necessary for these persons to use these to fulfill their duties and responsibilities, then they are in a position to submit any mileage for the expense of using that vehicle and that to me would seem to be a more sensible approach than for the State of Nebraska to have to, at a time when there are limited resources available for appropriation, expend an additional forty plus thousand dollars. So I would urge you to support Senator Wesely's amendment which would eliminate the vehicles for these individuals. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch. Senator Wesely, would you like to close?

SENATOR WESELY: I guess there are subsequent amendments on this. I, again, Senator Beutler and I are trying to eliminate the provision in this committee amendments which would allow constitutional officers, there are five of them, who would have access to a state owned car, at their convenience, I guess, supposedly only for state business but nobody else really has that privilege that I think we are providing for in this case. The cost, as Senator Stoney said, is forty some thousand dollars according to the fiscal analysts office. They do not need it. They already have access to the Transportation Pool. They can get a car if they need it on state business and I think that this is an extravagance that we cannot afford in this state and would urge your support for the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All