

Thone was here he said one of the things he wants to do is cut down travel expenses this year. So I'm wondering, you know, if the Public Service Commission in requesting this gave any indication what they are now spending on travel expenses and in what manner they travel. Would you know that Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: The original number, if you look on that sheet, is \$14,007 which was the appropriation for all travel for the Public Service Commission, for the members of it. This would increase that by \$3,800 for the rest of the year, but it is transferred from another program. We asked a number of questions of the need. We were aware, as I suppose you are, that there was some publicity of the charges of some of the earlier....I think there was a convention involved, but the point seemed to be that without the additional appropriation they would be restricted from attending various hearings that are within the state but outstate and if they couldn't attend, that they would either have to send a hearing officer, whose expenses could be charged to the correct fund, or else they would not attend and require the people to come to Lincoln for those hearings and I think the majority of the committee felt it was more appropriate to transfer some money so that the commissioner's could attend those hearings out in the state personally rather than having a hearing officer or the other alternative requiring citizens to come into Lincoln for those hearings.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Where would I go to find out how they travel?

SENATOR WARNER: How they travel?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Whether they drive their own cars or whether they are using a state owned plane or whether they are chartering a plane or taking a Greyhound.

SENATOR WARNER: The Public Service Commission does have... is assigned its own vehicles, which they can use, they also use some PSB cars, which they pay for then, as any other....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR WARNER: . . . on a mileage basis.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, one other question Senator Warner. On page 3, we have line 13, General Funds for accumulated unused vacation and sick leave pay for retiring board members. I think anybody who leaves state office with accumulated vacation time certainly should be paid for that vacation time, they have got it coming. But accumulated sick leave the federal government doesn't give their employees any pay for accumulated sick leave, if they don't use it, you