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SENATOR COORDSEN: This is expenses, yeah, actual and necessary expenses which includes mileage, which is down below. The per diem is permissive. The other is over on page 2, is the same language that's in current statute. You will see lines 16 through 20, members of the commission shall serve except for reasonable expenses in an amount fixed by the county board with reimbursement for mileage to be made at the rate provided with. Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I see that but I was just wondering if it says it shall be compensated for their actual and necessary. Does per diem be accounted...will that be adequate to...or will that be authorized...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, since it's permissive on the part of the county board, the per diem, it's an optional thing for boards to do if they're having problems getting people to serve on the county planning commission and if they think that would help. Otherwise, the rest of the expenses and mileage are basically the same as already in statute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I understand and the only question I would have and I might want to talk about this later as I analyze it, it would look like to me that if you're necessary expenses shall be compensated then the question would be, can per diem be construed to mean that that is meeting necessary and actual expenses? That would be my question and maybe it's the technicality in words. I just...it kind of jumped out at me as I looked at that and I wonder if we're making it either/or or a plus, so I will look at it a little later (interruption).

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, for the record, this legislation was supposed to be drafted to make it optional on the part of the board, that you pay the expenses plus mileage. If the board felt that the commission members should have something more, then they could pay up to \$15 a day or a \$1,000 a year which is quite a large number of meetings.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right now, as I understand, I think they're just...most of them are just getting mileage.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is that...would you understand it that way?