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SENATOR ROGERS: Madam President, the amendments...and I will try to explain the amendment 54-104 is just to update reference and define a brand transfer and on or after January 1, 1994, changes the time of year in which three-fourths of the brands will be due for renewal, but not the year they are currently due. Out of the total 37,000 brands currently on record, approximately 10,000 designated by the brand index come due for renewal every December 31st. The amendment would allow the 10,000 brands to be renewed on a quarterly basis designated by the brand index. Requires the Brand Committee to notify the owner of a brand record at least 60 days prior to expiration. And amendment 54-137 is to increase from 21 cents a mile to 24 cents a mile the rates of reimbursement for employees of the Brand Committee who use their own vehicles for Brand Committee work. And I understand that Senator Moore had a bill that would increase the mileage rate for all state employees to 24 cents. And, however, the mileage reimbursement for the Brand Committee comes from Cash Funds, which is a little different, generated by the committee. Therefore, it would be the committee's suggestion to leave this language in the bill at least until Select File when we have a better idea to where Senator Moore's bill is amended. Mr. Speaker, I move the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Does anyone wish to speak on the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have a closing, Senator Rogers?

SENATOR ROGERS: I will waive closing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 218. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to adopt the committee amendments? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to open?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Just a brief opening. It's one of the few times, I think, that on