

rate. I remember when this was adopted by Don Wagner, some 10 years ago, and it makes sense to not change the uniformity. So I would support the Moore amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Seeing no other speakers, Senator Moore, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: I just want to reiterate to Senator Dierks, I'm not trying to discriminate against the Brand Commission, I just feel they should be treated like everyone else and as I stated, in the bargaining contract signed by the Department of Personnel, there has been a bargain, the contract has been signed to change that rate, and so the corresponding statute change will be in order. And I'm confident in saying that it will be dealt with as part of a package the Appropriations Committee sends to the floor. And even if that doesn't happen, I guess...in the event that 653 would not pass, I guess there is the other question is, why should you treat the Brand Commission any different than anybody else? And so I'm not trying to discriminate against them, I'm just trying to treat them like everybody else, and it's my hope that everybody in state government, as the contract has been signed, we'll have this mileage reimbursement rate increased from 21 to 24 cents. The proper place to do that is in one statute, inviting everyone. I think Senator Dierks makes a good point. The Brand Commission, in his opinion, has special needs. I'm sure Senator Wesely can mention special needs in the Department of Social Services. I'm sure Senator Hall can have special needs for the Department of Revenue. It would be a never ending battle, and so I just think it would be proper to do it in one place, and ask for us to adopt this amendment to strip that provision from this bill.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Senator Moore has closed on his amendment to LB 218. We will now proceed to vote. All those in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on Senator Moore's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The amendment is adopted. Back to the bill, Mr. Clerk.