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intentions were back in 1993. It replaces 24 cents by the counties. Back in 1993, we passed LB 697, which gave the state officials the right to float. Currently, DAS oversees and monitors as they think the rate needs to go up, gas mileage; 1993 we did this. In 1993 we also gave the counties 27.5 cents in 1993. In 1994 we passed LB 734 which gave the counties the right to use the floating DAS mileage, but we didn't retract the 27.5 cents. So the counties are stuck with the 1993 bill, LB 697, which increased theirs to the 27.5 cents. So currently the counties have the right to float with the DAS figure, but there also are conflicting statutes which says that they have to go by the 27.5 cents. Well, that was fine as long as the 27.5 cents was the going rate. Now DAS has saw cause to adjust it to 29 cents per mile, as we all know, so the county boards are all stuck in this dilemma, do we go with the floating DAS, or do we go with the 27.5 cents which is set out in statutes? The intentions were or are, I guess, or whatever, to give DAS the right to either go up or down; good times, I guess bad times they have the right to adjust it. That's the proper thing to do. The county officials should have the same opportunity, the same mileage rate reimbursement as the state officials do. I simply urge your passage of LB 1011 to clarify or to clear up something that we didn't do last year when we put in LB 734 which didn't retract the 27.5 cents that we gave in 1993, I know that sounds confusing, but that's...you have to trust me on this one here. So it's right. (Laughter) Mr. Speaker, sorry, you didn't get an increase in your mileage.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That will happen on occasion, I guess. Senator Cudaback, there are no lights on. Would you care to close? Closing is waived. Question is, shall LB 1011 be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1011.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 1161.

CLERK: (LB) 1161, introduced by Senator Hillman. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.