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SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 27 be advanced to E & R initial. This . . . the way the statutes presently are has caused quite a lot of problem for people in extension service, with the water resources division, and other people who are forced to drive state cars when many times it would be to their best advantage to use their own personal car at a lesser price, if this could be negotiated with the head of this agency. This particular piece of legislation takes care of that problem and permits an option, whether they use a state car or their personal car, and permits the agency head to set a value on the mileage at a figure less than the 16¢ per mile now prescribed. There were no committee amendments, as pointed out. Senator Anderson, do you have anything further that you would like to add at this time?

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would just like to add that this bill was heard in our committee. I think it was the unanimous impression of the committee that this is a substantial benefit and recognition of a special problem that we could give the state employees without adding any cost at all to what the agencies are having to pay for the travel of these employees. It simply gives them the option, with the consent of the agency, of being able to use their own automobiles and to get reimbursed at the same rate that that agency would be reimbursing Transportation Services Bureau if a state vehicle were used. So it simply would give them the additional option. It isn't costing the state any more money. It does give the employee an additional benefit. I certainly think it's a good piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? The question is the advancement of LB 27 to E & R initial. Record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and the bill is so advanced. LB 122.

CLERK: Read bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, since there is an amendment by the Education Committee I wonder if chairman Lewis would like to explain the reason for the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, the bill was introduced for the purpose of restoring certification to the appropriate state agency where it belongs. That is the State Department of Education, that allows them to set the criteria and the qualifications. However, in terms of the fact that there are 497 people still in this state that do not have baccalaureate degrees, the committee has said if the State Department of Education decides they are