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SENATOR MARSH: How many of those were compact size?

SENATOR KEYES: Oh, I don't think over 2 or 3.

SENATOR MARSH: I wonder if you would try and bring that information because that does not agree with what I have understood.

SENATOR KEYES: How many did you understand were bought?

SENATOR MARSH: Well I'm not in a position to state the actual number but since I've ridden in some of them already and it was more than 2 or 3, I would like to know if this is the move the department is planning to take.

SENATOR KEYES: The department already buys intermediate cars, what they call the intermediate. They don't buy the big ones anymore, except for special . . . they buy intermediates and we want to go to the compact which will have probably a 20 to 25 percent saving in gasoline over the intermediates. You perhaps rode in the intermediate, I don't know.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Barnett amendment would amend the Keyes amendment in Section 4, subsection 2 by striking "not less than one half of". Also the same striking in Section 5.

(Speaker Burbach presiding)

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion on Senator Barnett's amendment? The question is, shall the Barnett amendment be adopted. Any further discussion? Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, in as much as I'd like to support the Barnett amendment I find that, at this time, I would have to oppose it simply on the grounds that the Beatrice Home, our Medical Center, those which transport several nurses, those that transport certain people that can go in a 9 passenger station wagon and be much more efficient and much better transportation than if they were required to go in a compact. They need this kind of a car. I certainly would not oppose what he's trying to do if I hadn't listened to several people talk about it.

(President Whelan presiding)

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well it's my amendment, I'd like to close.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: If there's no more discussion on it.