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University will be in compliance, or so that the law will now be in compliance with what the University is doing now in their vehicles. Essentially that is what you are saying.

SENATOR JOHNSON: To make sure that they are not out of compliance.

SENATOR DWORAK: I think that I would have to rise in support of the kill motion at this point. I feel that I...I...personally don't have enough information as to why the University and you say the Department of Administrative Services have entered into an agreement that was not in compliance with the law. Now I would have to do some research as to why all state vehicles should be provided ~~thru~~ the transportation service bureau. I'm sure that when that provision was set up certain economies, certain controls and certain stipulations were contemplated and now two departments have now decided not to follow this particular procedure, and I don't think that any evidence has been brought up as to why the University should not be in compliance. If we let the University out of the provisions that we have stipulated in the Transportation Services Bureau, then what is to preclude any other agency or department out of the stipulations of the transportation service bureau. If the transportation service bureau isn't in fact functioning as we contemplated it should be functioning, and maybe we should look at very seriously the transportation service bureau. I just can't support this bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I would like to state that the Bureau actually patterned their operation after the plan of the University of Nebraska. At the time that this bill was drawn up the courts were exempt from the bill and cars through out the state that are operated through the court system that are not included, and so in order to simplify the operation they, as far as the University is concerned they did go into this agreement that was mentioned before and they operated the same as they did before and with mutual understanding and so, it is felt that in order to clear up this technicality, that the bill should be passed.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, I would hope that maybe Senator Johnson would bracket this bill for a few days to clear up just a few problems that exist. I do have sympathy for the University for one reason, and this was brought out at the committee hearings. The University allows for certain amount of money within their own budget to buy cars. Then they go to the common motor pool and then that car is not only used by the University but by other departments who have failed to put that same amount of money into that pool. So, some departments are using cars that were paid for through the University budget. I don't think that is fair and should not be done that way. Maybe we should look over the procedures that are going on in