

from Valley Public Schools in Valley, accompanied by their teacher. Then the Chair's pronouncing ability of foreign names is up for the test now. Senator Wesely has, under the north balcony, a group of distinguished professional people from India. Mr. Bawa, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Sachdev, Mr. Sareen, Dr. Sharma, and D.D. Saxena Deepak. They are an architect, a college lecturer, a corporate manager, an architect, a veterinary officer, and a marketing executive, all from Delhi and New Delhi. We are very privileged to have you here this morning, gentlemen, in our Chamber in Nebraska. We welcome you and hope you will have a good visit in Nebraska. Now, Senator Conway has made a motion to return LB 413 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as Senator DeCamp alluded to a few minutes ago, since we are opening up this particular section I spotted an area that bothered me when it was put on. I believe it was back in about 1974, during the first signs of the energy crisis. At that point in time the state was trying to curb all types of travel for state employees and the like, and this language, I believe, got into the statutes at that time. On page 3, if you will notice, and you can follow along on the blue copy, on line 4 if we were to strike the "when" and the "is" in line 4, and on line 5 strike beginning with the comma through all of line 6, it would change that reading so it would say that the travel by privately owned airplane, or personally rented airplane shall only be authorized when it is more economical than surface transportation, or result in substantial savings of expenses or productive time. I think, as we look at the state agencies and/or members of the Legislature, that there still is the control element that is built into it in that we must...the only way it will be authorized by statute is that it can be justified to be a savings in time and/or expenses. So I think there is some value in changing that, rather than all of the administrative nightmares that go with seeking specific approval. Often when we use an aircraft for travel it is a situation where to search out a specific approval often may end up negating the whole concept of trying to move from one place to another very quickly. So I think it would strengthen this provision and allow state employees and members of the Legislature to move about freely, as long as they can justify it on a cost-saving basis.