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LB 535

SENATOR KAHLE: If I go to Minden, Nebraska, pay my taxes, which is fourteen miles away, and do some other business for my own personal use, and then go and contact three or four people about legislation, how do I charge that?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: You have got to make some sort of judgment in your own mind as to how much of the gas is for legislative use and how much is for personal use.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I guess to carry that a little bit further, I don't think I have ever been any place in the last three years but what someone hasn't asked me about the legislature. Social...any kind of a meeting you go to, somebody is going to ask you something about legislation. Now, does that exempt you from everything?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would not think so, Senator Kahle, but the problem we have got now is that you can use excessive campaign funds for any use, and this is an attempt to tighten it down a little bit. Maybe I could...could I address the President just a moment, Senator Kahle. I am wondering, Mr. President, if I might be permitted to withdraw the amendment. I think it is clear that there is a considerable amount of concern about the ramifications of this, and why don't I withdraw the amendment now and we can present the issue later.

PRESIDENT: All right, the amendment is withdrawn. The amendment is withdrawn. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Nothing further?

CLERK: Nothing further, no, sir.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I want to thank Senator Hoagland for withdrawing the amendment. I think there was enough questions about that, that that was a very magnanimous thing to do, and with that in mind we have the bill exactly as it was before. There is general agreement on it and I would like to try to advance the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the bill? These lights I have on I assume wanted to talk on the amendment and not on the bill. I am going to assume that. Senator Newell, are you ready to move the bill? Motion is to advance LB 535.