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LB 615

Government Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by Senator Keyes' Government Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, the committee amendments are just a judgment by the committee. It was felt that increasing the mileage what we were increasing it in the bill was not sufficient so we suggest that we increase the mileage from seventeen to twenty-one percent and for sheriffs from twenty to twenty-four percent. Your judgment is as good as mine. You know how much the cost of gasoline is. If you want to make it higher, fine and dandy. If you want to make it lower, but this is the recommendation of the committee. I'd move for the adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, we are speaking now to the committee amendments.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I rise to oppose the committee amendments as they are written for the simple reason that if we return to an employee additional figures over the federal designated dollar which is now eighteen and a half cents the employee and the employer will have the confusion and the added paperwork of counting that as additional income. Taxes must be paid on those additional dollars. They must be reported or someone is in jeopardy and filing a false income tax return. It seems to me that a better figure would be the figure that the federal government now has taken rather than a higher sum which must be reported as income. If you are going to give an employee additional income, give it to them in the form of income, not so they have the complication of having to report that they received more money than the federal government will allow on the federal income tax return. For that reason, I do oppose the amendment to 615 as it comes from the committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the committee amendment to LB 615. Senator Dworak and then Senator Wagner. Senator Dworak. Okay, Senator Wagner, do you want to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR WAGNER: Yes. In relation to Senator Marsh's comments about the additional cost, we worked out some scales on this and as an average, and if anybody wants to see anything different, we can go into more depth, but if a person driv s .