

twelve thousand miles a year, the additional cost over the eighteen and a half cents and to the twenty-one is \$300.00. For a person making \$10,000, they would pay \$54 in additional tax but still would be taking home the \$300. For a person that is making \$20,000, they would be paying \$72 on income tax and I guess I feel very definitely that the person would as soon take home that \$300 and pay the tax than not have this...than to do away with it. Therefore, I support this amendment. I think we need it. There is a morale problem. We have looked into this mileage situation fairly long. We have a lot of data, so if anybody would like to have any more information, we will be glad to share it with them.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Presiding Officer, members, I think I am going to support the amendment. I would guess that if the federal government's ceiling is eighteen and a half percent now, that it will be changed also in the very near future because there isn't anybody that can drive for that fee. Now I think the twenty-one cents is a reasonable amount at this time, and of course, we have several different agencies that are involved, county, state, brand committee, I think is involved, and several others, but I am not really very concerned about what the federal government says it should be and we have to file a return generally anyhow and it would be very simple to add those few cents if that is what it takes. But I would guess that we are just borrowing time until the federal government will also change their notion because it is impossible to make the trips and the travel that has to be done within our government for anything less than twenty-one cents.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner, we are on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the committee amendment because I think this is a little overdue. We know that the cost of operating an automobile or another vehicle has gone up in the past year and especially the price of gasoline and diesel fuel. I believe Senator Marsh said that it would create a lot of extra bookwork for those receiving over eighteen and a half cents per mile. Senator Marsh, aren't...I would like to pose a question to you if you would yield.