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SENATOR KREMER: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: (Mike off) wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, yes, I do and I think it is a good solution to the problem. I would like to give you just a little information about an experience that I had with the sheriff's vehicles when I was part of a county board. We thought that we could save some money by the county buying its own vehicles and servicing them, providing the gasoline and providing these vehicles for, at least for the deputy sheriffs and I want to tell you it didn't work very well. There is just no substitute for a person owning their own vehicle and taking care of it and being paid for the mileage that they travel. I think this is a good argument for what Senator Dworak said a bit ago. I think if you have to buy your own gas and keep up your own vehicle, even at a given price per mile, you are going to take a lot better care of it and you are not going to drive it any further than you have to or you are not going to let that engine run at least with the mileage not rolling up on the odometer. So I think this is a solution that we can live with. I still feel that the federal part of it that many of you are concerned about is a small part of it, and as Senator DeCamp mentioned, the feds aren't paying any of the bill and I think that what little income tax we'd have to pay on it until the feds get around to changing it, and I am sure they will, and I believe Senator Marsh has already said that this may even be in the process, so I think the substitute or the amendment to the amendment is a good solution and that we could probably save ourselves some time by getting on with this issue and moving forward.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes. We are on the DeCamp amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator DeCamp, I would like to ask you a question. Senator DeCamp, don't run off.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, Senator Keyes (interruption).

SENATOR KEYES: Come back this other way. I know you are nervous this morning and I don't know why. Senator DeCamp, this just sets mileage that you can pay the employee for driving their car?