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10,000 miles. I don't have any argument with that though I think we have to remember that is an employee that is only driving 10,000 miles. If we take that same vehicle, those same fixed costs and add 5,000 miles to it, the rate goes to eighteen cents. I think if we review or take a look at those companies here in Lincoln and the State of Nebraska and what they reimburse, it would be interesting. I don't think those people are trying to take advantage of their employees. I don't think private industry is trying to have an employee subsidizing them. I think those figures are meaningful, and then for the state suddenly to take an inflationary lead and go to twenty-one cents when Woodmen Accident is paying eighteen cents; Alexander and Alexander is paying eighteen cents; Century is paying nineteen cents; Crocker Claim Service, twenty cents; Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph, seventeen cents; National Bank of Commerce pays eighteen cents for everything over 5,000 miles; First National Bank of Lincoln, seventeen cents; I think that indicates that eighteen and a half cents is right in the ball park and right where we should be with state employees and right where we should be with county and city employees. Now Senator Lewis indicated that try to rent a car for eighteen and a half cents...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute left.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, and that will be the end of the five minutes. Thank you, Senator Marvel. I think there is a point on a car rental that is different than private vehicles and different from state vehicles. Number one, I think there is a lesser degree of care when we rent a vehicle than we own a vehicle so that damage in whatever form it may come has to be made up by the car rental company and that is one reason that they may charge twenty-six cents. I think there is one other point that needs to be considered. Avis, Hertz, Dollar Budget, whatever, National, also has to put a profit factor in to stay in business. This is their business. This is what they are all about and so that is another reason for those expenses to exceed eighteen and a half cents a mile. So I think there has been a lot of confusion. I think there has been a lot of charges, a lot of claims that employees, state employees are subsidizing state government, county....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair is going to rule that we are going

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