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being within the 7%. It means there is \$189,000 you won't do for something else but I think the argument is that this is a reimburse for the cost of gas. Coming in on the radio the other morning I heard a year ago the average price of gas in Nebraska was sixty-eight cents. The average price today is a dollar fifteen. That is almost a hundred percent increase. The increase that we are making in the reimbursement is from sixteen to twenty-one which is about a 33% increase. So a 33% increase to meet a 100% increase in the price of gas I suspect is not unreasonable.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is unreasonable myself. I just want for the record, the people across the state to know why some parts of our government are going up and that the Legislature does have a good reason to do so and if they go above the 7% I want the people to know what we are doing and why we have to do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for purposes of closing.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, we have already passed the other bill. The Legislature has made its decision. I think we should advance the A bill along with it. Senator Keyes, repeatedly over the last month, keeps bringing up 7% and the Governor. I suggest Senator Keyes and the Governor get together and work all these things out and the Legislature can go about doing its business of making policy decisions and financial decisions for the state and then those two can administer it. I did note that my good friend, Senator Keyes, did make himself available to assist the Governor but they didn't want him.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House has nothing to do with that but we will go ahead. The question before the House is the advance of LB 615A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 615A is advanced to E & R initial. The next bill on consent calendar is LB 600.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 600 was introduced by Senator Kahle. (Read title to LB 600.) The bill was read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.