

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay.

PRESIDENT: All right, so if you would take up the committee amendment because that is what is before the House.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, the committee removes the reference that the Department of Administrative Services purchase the uniforms for the sheriffs and the deputies. Also deleted is the requirement that counties purchase the uniforms from DAS. The result is that DAS picks up the supplier or suppliers of the uniforms....picks the suppliers and the supplier of the uniforms with the state not having to pay out any money for the uniforms. By deleting reference to the counties purchasing the uniforms, how they are paid for is left to the negotiation between the sheriff's department and the counties. We didn't want to obligate the counties or those cities that have peace officers that would want to participate in this to buying the uniforms. Some counties do buy the uniforms or at least pay part of the uniform, most of them do, some do not. The amendment would just state that the uniforms are available and that they should be purchased and be alike. I think this is only sensible. We think it would save the subdivisions of government that have these law enforcement officers on their payroll, either save them or the officer themselves considerable money if they could buy the uniforms wholesale from a given supplier. I think that pretty well explains the committee amendment. We are not obligating the counties or the cities to buy the uniforms for the officers. That is up to them. I move the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the committee amendment? The question then is the adoption of the committee amendment on LB 186. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The committee amendments are adopted. All right, we will go to the explanation of the bill, Senator Kahle, and then come back to your amendment. So now, Senator Beyer, would you make an explanation of the bill at this point. The Chair recognizes Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: I think Senator Kahle did a pretty good job of explaining it, especially the amendment part, and