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the bill. However, all parties would agree that the committee amendments, I believe, are a more accurate reflection of the policy that we are going to argue about later on. We should adopt the committee amendments and then argue the soundness of the policy embodied by the bill but the committee amendments are a better way of phrasing legally the issue before the House which will be this restriction on the cities on the way in which they zone for outdoor advertising signs.

SENATOR KAHLE: Go ahead, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beyer moves to amend the committee amendments (Read Beyer amendment found on page 1318, Legislative Journal). It is offered by Senator Beyer.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, if I read the bill right, the word "reproduction" in there would mean the cost of whatever it would cost them to reproduce it even if that sign was ten or fifteen years old and depreciated out. I would rather see the word "reproduction" taken out and have it depreciated cost of what their sign originally cost them. Thank you.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Wesely, do you want to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Senator Kahle, members of the Legislature, I discussed this question with Senator Beyer and his point is well taken although I would like to inform you that the formula that we do have pending in the committee amendment which Senator Beyer would like to amend are amendments drafted based on what the present state reimbursement policy is. Also we looked at other states and the federal legislation and came to the language which is before you in the committee amendments. The change that Senator Beyer proposes would provide for just depreciated reimbursement which would basically be much lower than I think would be a fair return for the individual sign. With the depreciated reproduction cost, we are talking not about reproducing a brand new sign but a sign that has been depreciated, at a lesser extent than it would be brand new, and so I think it in fact does what Senator Beyer says it should do, which is to say it recognizes the fact that an older sign should not receive as much compensation to be reproduced as a new sign. So I think the formula we have now is fair. Again it was based on federal and state legislation. We looked at other states, and it is one that has been