

for the use in their budgets, just like you pay for the use of automobiles in their budgets. And it is cost-saving. It is not, it is not efficient, other than state senators, because we are only paid \$400 a month. But people who are paid a living wage it costs money to have them driving in cars back and across the state and take two days when they could be there in a couple of hours or less. So the replacement of an airplane...

SENATOR REMMERS: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...is no different than replacement of any other vehicle. A few years ago we did establish a pool, tried to set up a pool, the same manner in which we replace cars, and which the charges for the use of the plane to an agency would accumulate and as funds accumulated sufficiently you'd have a revolving fund, in effect, to replace airplanes. Incidentally, we are replacing a plane in the budget also in the patrol. I probably should point that out. It is a lease-purchase one which will be 38,000 a month...or a year rather. And I think it is over four or five years as a lease-purchase. That happens to be a small plane. But it probably is of equal importance if airplanes are bad. But I would urge that you reject the amendment. An aircraft is needed, it ought to be safe. It makes no sense...the plane that we have is not going to, in all probability, be used too much longer, or it's going to be very expensive to repair. It just is common sense it's come time to replace a piece of equipment, and that is all we're talking about, replacing a piece of equipment like you do every day in any business that you have to operate. When it comes time to replace it you replace it.

SENATOR REMMERS: Time.

SENATOR DECAMP: That is what this is. Essentially it is comparable seating capacity, but it would be a plane that is much more safer equipped for the extreme changes that can occur in Nebraska weather.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have just asked our fiscal staff if we had the figures of the number of hours that the plane is used in a year, and then to convert that to what leasing or