

it and say, and I have no problem with that, I'd like to know what their...I mean the...I guess the one way to read that is to say, you know, there's one rate if the department asks me to make this trip and use my own automobile, and there's another rate if I do so at my convenience as opposed to the departments. Is that what it reads? Is that what they're asking? When it reads, the department may establish different rates based on whether the personal automobile usage is at the convenience of the agency involved, or, and the old language says, at the convenience of the state office or employee. So, in other words, if they say, look, we don't have a car for you to use, we don't have a state automobile because the Legislature has cut back funding, we need you to use your car, they can have one rate, whereas if they do have a car available, I choose to use my car or my automobile, they can establish a separate. So, in effect, there would only be two rates really, but it would apply to all agencies. And I'm more interested, because I don't have any problem with that concept. I'm more interested in whether or not it...what I don't want to see have happen is that there be different rates established for different departments, not necessarily one if I'm using my automobile, because I prefer to use mine, as opposed to the fact the department has, because they have no choice, have asked me to use it. And I think...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...that's what this amendment does. And, you know, when you have a chance to address that, I would appreciate that. It's not...I'm in no way opposed to what you're trying to accomplish here, I think. I just want to clarify that and make sure that the intent here is not to allow DAS the ability to differentiate between apartments (sic) for purposes of mileage. If it's what I think it is, and it's only based on whether or not I choose to use my own car out of convenience, or they have no choice but to ask me to use my automobile, I can understand why we'd want to have a difference in rates for purposes of frankly saving some money and because we don't have the necessary transportation to spread it around when needed all the time. And if you would just, at your convenience, address that, maybe check with DAS, whatever is necessary, I would just like to know that. Thank you very much. I rise (inaudible) amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Schimek? Seeing none, Senator