

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. I have some questions about the current Moore amendment because we did hear this bill in Education Committee, and there was some confusion about the transportation way in which it was reimbursed. And maybe Senator Baack needs to get involved and answer this question as to whether this amendment changes anything beyond what we wanted to change. We on the committee were concerned because previous to this the rate was something like 280-something reimbursement percent of the mileage rate and we thought that was high. The bill cut it down. We wondered why it didn't cut it back down to actual reimbursement rate and we found out this is the way the transportation for choice measure is calculated is for a one-way trip only. Senator Moore, will your amendment change that and make it so that it is only actual mileage for one-way trip instead of...the reason that this extra rate was put in for some reason I think it mirrors some special education transportation language where you're reimbursed for one way, but it's a super reimbursement. Now are we leaving it at one-way reimbursement and eliminating that super reimbursement with your amendment?

SENATOR MOORE: We're leaving it one way. That was the thrust of the bill. But in the bill we talk about the rate you're reimbursed, we're not changing the mileage. I mean the bill changes the mileage, but it refers to the rate you're being reimbursed as set in statute. And with LB 697, we no longer set that in statute. We just give DAS the power to establish the rate. All this does is saying whatever...

SENATOR WITHEM: What exactly, I don't have a copy of the amendment in front of me, what exactly does your amendment do? Can you read it verbatim to me?

SENATOR MOORE: In line 13, are you looking at the Final Reading copy?

SENATOR WITHEM: On line 13 you're...

SENATOR MOORE: On line 13 after the word "the" insert the words "mandatorily established" mileage rate.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, you're not changing the 142.5 percent then.

SENATOR MOORE: No, no, just changing...