

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR MOORE: ...and it's in reaction to the statutory change that Senator Schimek placed in LB 697, just changing the rate you're reimbursed, not the amount of miles you're reimbursed.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Does anyone else wish to speak to the amendment? Seeing none, did you have closing, Senator Moore? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the motion to return. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted. Senator Moore for opening on the amendment.

SENATOR MOORE: Explain on the motion to return we're not dealing with, you know, LB 838 in its pristine form simply changed the amount of miles that people who qualify for reimbursement under the choice statute would be reimbursed. All my amendment does would actually harmonize the statute to make it make sense with the mileage reimbursement statute that was amended in LB 697 because basically what occurred and has been occurring is in the past we've always, whatever's been negotiated in the master and NAPE/AFSCME contract is that mileage rate goes up, we've had to change the language in statute every year. And with LB 697 we're going away from that and this amendment simply would hitch onto that statutory change in LB 697 and say whatever the mandatorily established rate is by DAS is what the people affected by LB 838 would be reimbursed.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Does anyone else wish to speak to the amendment? Seeing none, we'll now vote on the Moore amendment to LB 838. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: I move that LB 838E be advanced to E & R for engrossing.