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be absolutely enforceable, even though it's in violation, if there is no penalty and this Chambers' amendment provides for no penalty. So, it becomes noneffective.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, are you ready to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, perhaps I should give a word or two of explanation. I'll say again what I said in response to Senator Barnett's question, this amendment does not alter the speed limit at all. There are a number of violations that exist in this state and the penalty for those violations are set by the Legislature. This amendment does not say, the speed limit is 65, but even with 55 as the speed limit, people can drive, if they want to, as fast as their car will carry them and the maximum number of points they get would be three. Now, in other states they have done similar things to this. Some have even talked about allowing the person to purchase a permit to drive above the 55 mile an hour limit. This will have no influence on the receipt of Federal funds. It does not alter the 55 miles per hour speed limit. It does not say that exceeding that limit is not a violation. It merely sets the penalty and some of you who live in outstate Nebraska understand this very well. I've been convinced also by people who run trucks, that 55 miles an hour is not the most economical speed to drive those trucks. We all know that the initial imposition of the 55 mile an hour limit had nothing to do with safety, noting to do with highway funds, but because of fuel, a fuel problem had been created by the large oil companies and this is an offshoot of it. So, this amendment, I think, is reasonable and it will have nothing to do with the receipt of Federal funds or the altering of the speed limit.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to ask for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the House go under Call? Record. Vote rather. Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 9 nays.

PRESIDENT: We are under Call. Under your rules, all senator must be in their chairs while we're under Call. Please take your chairs and now record your presence. I'd ask that the Sargent at Arms secure the presence of all members of the Legislature. Record your presence please. Many of you have not recorded. Would you please let the Clerk know you're here. Senator George.

CLERK: Senator Skarda voting aye on the original motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, would you record your presence. The Sargent at Arms make sure that all members are here. Roll call votes requested. Please take your chairs. Would the Sargent at Arms please find Senator Johnson. He's the only one missing.