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have been made I would like to have about two minutes to try to clarify something if I can.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer...oh excuse me, two minutes to talk.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. It may not take that long.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, what I wish you would understand is that points are assessed in addition to punishments that are in the law. These are in addition to. Not one amendment have I offered that will take away the punishment except for that one for the ten miles over the limit and that one was rejected. All of these other amendments will not touch punishments. As far as what Senator Syas said, there is nothing in the point system that requires you to stop and render aid whether points are assessed or not. If you want to require people to render aid, you don't do it by putting points against their license. You make it an offense, not to stop and render aid. That, in itself, has to be an offense. Then, if that offense is recognized by statute and it relates directly to your improper driving, you might assess points but what I wish Senator Syas and other people would understand is that your driving that could lead to an accident, Senator Syas, might, in itself, constitute an offense that will cause points to be assessed so there is no point of piling up a penalty on a penalty on a penalty growing out of one transaction. Those who desire retribution make it some kind of personal satisfaction out of it by feeling that they are really enforcing the law and protecting people but that is not the function of penalties, that is not the function of the law and it is certainly not the function of the points system. So I want you to know that not one amendment that you have adopted changes any penalty, with reference to going to jail, paying a fine or anything else.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I am going to agree with Senator Chambers that we need to review the point system but I am saying again. This is not the place to do it. We cannot afford to bracket this bill until next year. We need to comply and pass the 55 mile an hour speed limit or we will not have any projects for construction in our road system in Nebraska approved by the Department of Transportation. We can't afford to take that chance. We need to advance this bill. But I am saying, we ought to stop playing with the point system and come in with a Resolution and deal with it at our next session.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I would like to make a point of clarification of something here. I found something in the statute book that I think is of interest in this issue, if I could make it.

PRESIDENT: You have the floor.