

of natural gas since September the 15th, I have been informed, using at least five times as much oil as they consumed last year. Now this is true of most of our commercial structures and I think it can factually be assumed that the state is burning up next year's or next season's farming fuel already this winter, already this winter. Now if this drouth continues and much more fuel is going to have to be used for irrigation purposes, I can see some disaster following this. I am convinced that we do save some fuel by the 55 mile an hour speed limit. Some will say that you are wrong, we are not. I believe we are and everyone has to do everything we can to conserve every gallon of fuel we possibly can. So let's stay by it. First of all, I will sum it up by saying I think that the Commissioner has no alternative except to impose a sanction on the State of Nebraska if we do not abide by the 55 mile per hour speed limit. I think we are kidding ourselves when we say that we are going to have plenty of fuel, because we are not. We have been told that this winter we experienced colder weather, especially in the eastern part of the United States than we have for over a hundred years. Second, and let's go west of the Mississippi River and we are experiencing a drouth that we have never experienced in this wide an area before with perhaps the exception of the 30's. Now let's stay by the present 55 mile speed limit and try to at least control some of the problems we are going to face, that we are going to be facing that are of a serious nature. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in all deference to Senator Chambers, I believe I recollect that we had discussed this issue once or twice or maybe ten times. I think all the arguments have been heard, and the only difference we are talking about is five miles. So I would therefore call the question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? There are. The question is, shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No close.

PRESIDENT: No close. The question is to return the bill for specific amendment. Senator Mills, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MILLS: Would you read the amendment, please?

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to return LB 256 to Select File for a specific amendment, to raise the speed limit on the Interstate to 60 mile per hour.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: A question of the introducer, and I would like to ask the introducer what effect this has...

PRESIDENT: No, no, we have already closed.