

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I believe I would have to offer one more amendment to the amendment. But I want to move for the adoption of the amendments. All these amendments do is change it from the...put it in the statutes, they're going to be in the metric weight. I saw Senator Warner come into the Revenue Committee last year and said that all liquor, beer, wine, whisky and so forth will have to be in the metric system. Certainly, if we're going to change to that and put this in the statutes we better get it in the metric system. I would like to make it printed in both, both the metric and the ton weight. I can see no reason for coming along a few years from now and changing it all back to metric. Everything on the highways is so many miles per hour. It will have a sign out there once in awhile in metrics. So just put it in the metric system also.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Keyes, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: He'll yield.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: I realize the big day is coming up, I'm going to give him a big chance on the tube. Prove to people that he is an intelligent man. For my illumination would you provide, for me, when you change from a ton to the metric, what is the figure we're going to use there?

SENATOR KEYES: I introduced this....

SENATOR KOCH: Is it 2,000 some pounds, or how is that going to go?

SENATOR KEYES: It would be in metric pounds and metric tons.

SENATOR KOCH: Metric tons. All right. Now how many pounds are in a metric ton?

SENATOR KEYES: All I know is there is 2,000 pounds in a short ton, and 2,200 in a long ton. Now the metric ton came in since I was there. I'm not sure I know.

SENATOR KOCH: Well I think we shouldn't put that in there because it might confuse you.

SENATOR KEYES: Well it would be written. I think it's written down, if anybody can pronounce the words. I'm like some of the other people around here.

SENATOR KOCH: Well spell it for me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, it may be out of order, but based on what Senator Keyes had done I was going to offer an amendment to raise the speed limit on the Interstate system to 60 kilometers per hour, but I'll hold off this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.