

CLEPK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Reutzel now moves to amend: Read. (See page 1656, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't think this should take very long. This simply raises the speed from twenty-five to thirty, the maximum speed of a moped. If you look down that list which Senator DeCamp handed out, several states which have laws on mopeds have either thirty miles an hour or no speed limit on them. Senator Kahle, in answer to your question or your comment about the mopeds that you were on went twenty miles an hour, some of them may be made differently but the horsepower that we are talking about, I think 1½ horsepower, we can get up higher speed than that. Now we have got some we have driven around here and we've looked at, a lot of them manufactured now either from American manufacturers or from imported parts are geared for thirty miles an hour or a maximum of thirty or maybe thirty-five. From a safety standpoint, I think it would be safer to have someone in heavy traffic using these in congested areas being able to go thirty miles an hour and keeping up with the flow of traffic rather than stymie the flow and cause accidents, perhaps. So I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I certainly want to support Senator Reutzel's amendment and then I wish to support the entire bill. This is a delightful way to vacation at a more economical cost than some other types of family vacations. You still are moving and yet the younger members of the family can keep up with the older members of the family when you are using a moped. This is overdue legislation for the State of Nebraska and I am so pleased that it is here for us to vote upon this year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, did you wish to be heard again?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, Mr. President, I think, I am not going to make a big issue of this but I don't think you are very realistic in thirty miles an hour and I don't think they are going to be able to keep up with the kids on the motorcycles with a moped. If you use that small engine that you have listed here, it is not going to go thirty to thirty-five miles an hour, but if you want to put it in the law, I don't care, but it is really too fast for this kind of a vehicle.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Reutzel, close please.

SENATOR REUTZEL: I will be very brief, Mr. President. The ones I am familiar with, and I have a manufacturer in my district, I don't know how many manufacturers there are across the state but these are imported parts and these are being built all across the United States with imported parts from Europe and these are geared for thirty miles an hour and possible thirty-five on a downhill slide, but if they are going to go thirty anyway the way they are built, the law might as well read that because they are going to go that anyway. I would rather see them keep