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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Would Senator Hall yield for a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Hall, is there a minimum driving speed on the interstate?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Coordsen, it's 45 miles an hour...

SENATOR COORDSEN: And that hasn't changed?

SENATOR HALL: Excuse me, 40 miles an hour.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That hasn't changed?

SENATOR HALL: No, the bill does not affect that.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. I did have, and I was glad that Senator Wesely spoke a little bit in opposition to this bill because I did have some serious concerns about the minimum speed limits. You realize many of us in rural Nebraska have suffered from the economy to such an extent that our vehicles, quite probably, aren't going to be able to keep up with the 65 mile an hour speed limit. I thought perhaps this might be under the heading of an economic development bill in requiring us to purchase more modern vehicles. However, in the spirit of my ancestors, I must support the bill because I recall when the City of Gilead put up a speed limit sign, in 1907, that said 10 miles an hour, grandpa, coming into town with the horse and wagon, turned to grandma, handed her the reins and said, here, you drive, I'll take the whip and we'll try and make it. So I will do my best to comply should this body pass this into law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Just a few comments. Senator Coordsen, if this were an economic development issue, I'm sure Senator Wesely would have his name on the bill but, since it is not, and since he rose to oppose it, I would say, only comment to one of his comments that 55 miles an hour was a policy decision that we adopted, I would say that we did not adopt that, it was imposed on us by the