

our...let me rephrase that statement. If our amendments are attached, there is nothing in the bill that would prohibit enforcement of the strictest variety. They can still stop somebody and if they do everything properly, issue an effective supportable ticket at 67 miles per hour where the limit is 65 or at 57 miles per hour where it is 55. They can still do that. Nothing in this bill would impair that enforcement, but it softens the penalty and there is no reason for anybody on this floor who drives the interstate regularly to pretend not to see the reality. Some people ride down here with others who do the driving and risk getting the tickets and for the information of some of those people who don't drive between Omaha and Lincoln, I as a senator am passed by more Omaha senators than anybody else. So although I am always pushing to try to do something to make the limit reasonable, I'm the one who gets passed up. Sometimes I find myself driving as slowly as 53 miles an hour and I'm ashamed of myself so I wake up and I get with what is going on. This is not a bill just for me, but I'm not surprised that people who tool around Lincoln in their little cars and running through red lights as they do in Lincoln, more notoriously than anywhere else in the state, would say that it is dangerous to drive on the interstate because they think the drivers on the interstate are as careless and poor drivers as those on the streets of Lincoln. I don't see senators saying, we want to do away with the privilege of not having to pay the parking tickets that we get in Lincoln. If we are such law-abiding citizens and don't want a fudge factor, we should stop taking advantage of that. I've taken advantage of that a few times. I don't assume that hypocritical pose and say that I don't do these things, but because I am a part of the real world and I know that other citizens are trying to move across these highways from place to place in a reasonable amount of time, they should get some of the consideration that we as senators get and I think it is reasonable to have these amendments. If we adopt the five minute cushion on every state road and the interstate, there is no constitutional problem. We have not said that the speed limit is raised, we have not taken away the right to enforce. The Supreme Court of this state has already said that that factor can be taken into consideration and allowed on the interstate and it is not unconstitutional. The challenge was made by the state because it was not also allowed on the state highways. So if it is put on the state highways as Senator Schmit and Senator Elmer are trying to do, there is no constitutional problem. As far as the loss of federal funds, we've had the ten-mile cushion for these many years, no loss of a nickel and there won't be a loss in this instance. We are not