

discussed prior to this time and, you know, maybe your discussion on reasonable limitations is something that could be discussed with Senator Robak and on Select File, but keeping in mind that you just told us that, what, five states have incurred limitations such as you're talking about so there has to be I think a little bit more...I need to have more justification than just saying because five states have said that this is why we should then look with great concern in that area. Because one of the things that I can tell you and this is in response to something that Senator Crosby raised this morning when she talked about the fact that they had ophthalmologists or an ophthalmologist that testified in opposition to this bill when it...were you the one that...optometrist, excuse me, have an article here which was copied which was in my file when that occurred and it is titled, doctors favor special lenses. And then it goes on and it gives some of the testimony of an optometrist at the hearing who testified on behalf of them and said I don't think the use of telescopic lens would present a threat to the public of Nebraska and then he goes on to say that citizens who use them had the lowest accident rates of all, as Senator Landis brought out, handicapped drivers and that there was testimony I think from Mr. Kunz at that time who represented the optometrists association in favor of. And I guess another thing that when we talk about the safety features of the bill in addition to the fact that we have the annual license review and renewal process that they have to go through, we're talking here about people who have been drivers for a period of years in many cases and who have by their accident record shown that they are responsible drivers. We also had the vision specialist as a part of the bill who will be helping to make that determination as to whether or not they really can drive on the highways. I can read you a few excerpts from some of the letters that I have received here and this is an example. This person says, permission to drive under this bill will derive from the expert opinion of the state ophthalmologists and optometrists. We feel this authority should rest with medical professionals and not with administrative personnel. Another one says, I'm a licensed bioptic driver in the State of Nebraska. My driving record is unblemished. A licensed ophthalmologist has certified that my visual acuity is adequate for driving purposes. My license is essential to me, both professionally and personally. So these are the things that we have to balance, folks, when we're looking at this whole piece of legislation, the fact that some provisions have been made to assure safety and the welfare of all of the public on the roads and also for the fairness as far