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state, the truckers, other groups, to try to figure out why we had this alarming trend, and I think a doctor who is the head of the University of Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Department in Omaha summed it up best. He said that, "As Medical Director of Emergency Services for Nebraska Health Systems, I am intimately involved with the results of motor vehicle crashes". "As you are aware, Dr. Muelleman says, "as you are aware, the three main ingredients of injury in motor vehicle crashes are speed, restraint, and substance abuse".

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: He says, "As the motor vehicle death rate in Nebraska increases, I think it would be irresponsible not to support this bill". And I think it is...it is all about our responsibility. As we, on the floor, do things, everything we do has a serious note, but I don't know of anything that is more serious than trying to do something to save lives, whether it be young people, black people, Hispanics. Whoever we can save the lives of, that should be our first priority. And there is nothing we can do, whether it be speed limit or anything else, that would have more impact in one fell swoop than passing this bill. It will save lives. It will save them rather dramatically and it will start to save them when the law is passed.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I oppose the Chambers motion. I have been wrestling, both personally and with contacts that I've had, with concern about the numbers of deaths in accidents in the state. When the Appropriations Committee and the Transportation Committee met jointly, the Director of the Department of Roads talked about the issues that he felt were important issues for us to deal with and the numbers of accidents was, by far, his biggest concern, the numbers of deaths, and he said that of the accidents that took place on the interstate that resulted in deaths none of the individuals who were...who died were wearing seat belts. I think that that tells us a lot as we begin to discuss how we best protect the public. And Senator Chambers talked about how serious this is. Well, I think our role in the