

Omaha problem support that. It is not just an urban problem.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have got forty-five seconds.

SENATOR NEWELL: It's more manifest maybe in the urban areas, but the toll, the costs are out in rural Nebraska as well as in urban Nebraska. The cost to the state, and we are talking about statewide, is between ten and twelve million dollars a year. In Omaha the costs are a million two hundred thousand. In Lincoln it is four hundred thousand. Douglas County, outside of Omaha, it is approximately four hundred thousand, and Lancaster County, it is approximately a hundred thousand. It tears the stripings off so you have no basic reference of where you are at. There is thousands and thousands of reasons and if we vote on this issue only on the safety question, this body would have to ban studded snow tires, but it is not just the safety question, it is also the question of cost.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I will keep my remarks brief this morning, but I support the kill motion, and the reason I am supporting the kill motion, Senator Reutzel, is because I think we have enough government regulations telling us what we can do and what we can't do. I just happen to sell snow tires. Each year the amount of snow tires that we stud is getting less and less. I think last year the figures were less than eight percent. This year I will vouch that it will be less than five percent, and so I don't think we need this bill. Therefore, I think we ought to kill it. Also, the tire manufacturers are coming out with compounded rubber that is real soft. It grips to the ice like a cat's paw, and when you compound this rubber into radial tires you have a tire that certainly holds a lot better than any other kind of snow tire. And according to the testimony here this morning and the past few days we say that they do a lot of damage to roads. They probably do do some damage to roads, but salt does a lot more damage. If we really want to save our highways, then we should ban salt from being used on our highway system. Therefore, I would strongly urge you to vote this bill down and support the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis. The question is called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. The question before the House is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record the vote.