

carrying fifteen to twenty new cars and I am driving along side and I can't believe that my little Granada with the studded snow tires is tearing up the highways, especially since Senator Newell mentioned the fact that there are only about ten percent of the people now that are using the studded snow tires. Ten percent of the cars on the highway certainly isn't going to tear up the highway. Anything that we buy, anything that we do, if we use it often enough, does show wear and tear. Senator Newell, when you buy a new suit, the jacket is like new for many years but if we sit too much, the seat of your trousers will wear out. If we buy carpeting, and I can remember years and years ago when my mother was raising seventeen children, we weren't allowed to be in the living room too much because of the wear and tear on the carpeting. Anything that we buy today regardless, if we use it and use it a lot. Years ago when studded snow tires came out there wasn't many cars on the highway. We didn't notice it then but now we are saying when the cars have just multiplied and multiplied we are blaming it on the studded snow tires. I don't believe this is true. We mention the fact that what the State Department on the highways in Omaha has done and that studded snow tires is supposed to cause grooves that fill with water and then ice and could be dangerous. When we are driving on the grooves now especially around the exits and the entrance on Kennedy Freeway, you have to really slow down because the grooves cause my little Granada, again, to swerve and sway, and when the grooves fill with ice, we have got the same condition that he says or the proponents of banning studded snow tires say that the damage done is by causing grooves. As I said regardless of what we do, whatever we buy, whatever we build, the wear and tear will show and I don't think ten percent of the cars driving on the highway with studded snow tires. I need those studded snow tires to get here to Lincoln every day and I need them to get back. When we start exempting the handicapped, the elderly, why are we saying it is safer for them but not for me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR LABEDZ: For a mother that has five children in her car, she has joined a car pool, she is driving them to school, these studded snow tires are as great a safety to her as it is to the elderly, as it is to the handicapped and I urge you to not vote to advance LB 619.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we get to the next speaker, underneath the South balcony as guests of Senator Vickers, it