

think Senator Clark and some others who were on the committee, Senator Chambers would agree, if you adopt the committee amendments, you are actually decreasing the speed limit in Nebraska by 5 miles an hour. That's right, it isn't an increase, it is a decrease of about 5 miles. Now that sounds complicated so let me try to explain why. At the present time, I climb on that Interstate and the speed limit says 55, right? But you and I know and all the truckers and everybody else knows that Nebraska has a unique situation, the only one in the United States, one of Ernie's clever movements one day on a Friday when everybody was bored, Ernie changed the law a little on the Interstate. Between 55 and 65 it is against the law but there is no penalty basically. You don't get points against you which is what we really all are concerned about. You don't have court costs, whether it goes to the judge's retirement or anywhere else. The only thing you have is kind of like a \$10 fee. You might say it's a \$10 license to go 65 on the Interstate, and we are the only state that has this, I think. Aren't we? And Ernie concocted it one day and the Attorney General said, well, you can't do that, that is unconstitutional and went to the Supreme Court and they said, yes, I guess you can, if you want. So it has been legal here and everybody knows it. Basically, the speed limit in Nebraska is 65 with the understanding that it's a \$10 license fee if you do get caught, but then don't want to worry too much about that. It's cheaper than points and all that. What does the new bill do if you adopt the committee amendments? You eliminate this new special privilege. Okay? So you don't have that free period between 55 and 65. You have eliminated that. So whatever speed limit you set, that is it. Well, the new speed limit with the committee amendments is 60. So at 60, points, court costs, the whole works. Whereas right now it is sixty...well, you have to be going at least 66 before it has any effect. So why am I explaining all this? Number one, so you can understand that with the committee amendments completely intact what you are doing essentially is lowering the speed limit by 5 miles an hour. With Ernie's amendment, you have the speed limit at 65 which is really kind of honestly exactly what it is now, but you know it is illegal. We aren't hedging anymore. You don't have to pay your license fee, but you don't have that other thing we always had, the freebie on points any more, that stuff. So if you go 66 under his law, if he is successful with his amendment, you go 66 and they are going to nail you probably and hang you because now they have got...they know they get the points, they know they get the whole works. Now that sounds complicated but it really is.