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So I urge you to adopt the Chambers amendment, and then we can talk about the whole bill later whether we should do it or not. But if you don't adopt the Chambers amendment and do adopt the committee amendments and advance the bill, basically you are lowering the speed limit 5 miles in the State of Nebraska over what we have in practice.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the Chambers amendment also. I am not sure that I concur with my good friend, Senator DeCamp, that it is so complicated. I think it's really very simple. When you get out on that Interstate, if you drive 55 miles an hour, you better watch out or you might get run over. The way the law is right now as Senator DeCamp pointed out so eloquently, we really have a 65 mile per hour speed limit out there on the Interstate. I think it should stay that way. But I think we should be consistent. I think we should be consistent so that if I exceed the speed limit on the Interstate at 65 miles an hour, I get the same amount of points that if I exceed the speed limit at 55 on any other state highway. I think we need to recognize the fact that the Interstate system was designed for a faster speed and to make it safer. The Interstate system is safer than the state highway system. To have the same speed limit on both systems is ridiculous. I further agree that if the committee amendments are adopted, in reality we are lowering the speed limit 5 miles an hour and I will have to also admit that I have got a special interest in it. It's just going to take me that much longer to get home or get down here. I believe this is an instance that we can pass a law that will basically let the people of the State of Nebraska do what they are doing without making a mockery of a law that we have now, and that is exactly what is happening at the present time. I certainly support the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Unicameral, my daddy always taught me that there was no substitute for experience, and I don't know of another man in the Legislature that has had more experience with the speed limit than Senator Chambers and therefore I support his amendment to raise it to 65.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely. We are on the Chambers amendment.