

SENATOR LABEDZ: Oh, not in the corporate limits, no. 60 for the state and 55 definitely for Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And at what point would you, how would you warn people on the interstate that the speed limit is going to drop 10 miles per hour?

SENATOR LABEDZ: By signs. When I am going over to Offutt Air Force Base the speed limit is 55 and then it is reduced to 35 and it says, "Reduced Speed Limit, 35 miles an hour."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, and so we at various points along the road before you got to the corporate limits of Omaha would put warning signs that the reduced speed limit ahead and it will be 55.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, you still have to look at what actually is happening now and it is admitted by everybody. People are driving at about 65 miles per hour anyway. As with prohibition, you cannot change merely by legislative fiat what people are doing. If you drive in the stream of traffic then you will not be driving at 55 miles per hour. On the other hand if the congestion is what we have been told that it is you could let the limit be 150 miles an hour but the sheer volume of traffic will hold it to a speed lower than that. So I don't think that there ought to be a gap put in the rate of speed that a person can travel on the interstate so I am opposed to the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, your light is on.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of Senator Hoagland if I might, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, do you yield?

SENATOR KAHLE: If you change the speed limit in Omaha to 55 would there be a point loss if you went above 55 under the present the way the bill is written?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well I don't believe the amendment has yet been attached to the bill. Senator Chambers can correct me if I am wrong. I think part of Senator Chambers' plan is to do away with this 10 mile an hour cushion. Now I think we would still, from Omaha, would still like to do away with that 10 mile an hour cushion so we would have a real 55 mile an hour speed limit on this stretch of interstate in Omaha.