

SENATOR KAHLE: Well that would certainly be the way I would like to see it if you are going to change it because I think that is the reason the present law hasn't been enforced.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I agree. One other point, Senator Kahle, and I don't want to take up your time but a traffic survey was done by a newspaper in Omaha last June and only one out of five vehicles on that stretch of interstate that we are talking about exceed 55 miles an hour so people do obey the speed limit in Omaha. 80% of the traffic does.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you. I am surprised to hear that last statistic because it seems to me when I drive to Omaha I have to speed up when I get in the city limits. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I basically will support the 65 mile an hour speed limit but I have a lot of reservations like the introducers of the amendment in the City of Omaha and a lot of it has to contend with mostly the entrance ramp there on the northbound Kennedy Freeway into I-80 as it comes across from Iowa. It is a very narrow area and there has been a lot of accidents in that particular area pertaining to the truck traffic that comes out of the stockyards. It is one that narrows down to where you have the traffic coming off of the freeway onto the interstate and it goes into one lane to enter the...to continue on 80 where 480 comes into it and then also when you get on out west and you try to get off to go onto the I Street-L Street exit you have to cross traffic in that particular area. You have traffic coming from the north, traffic coming from the east that enters there and I believe that I agree with Senator Chambers that I think the highway department has the where for all to lower those speed limits but they are not doing it which means that we have to go into some kind of legislation that will have them do it. So that is basically why I would support the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Chambers is correct in his statistics on fatalities. This doesn't concern me as much as the property damage which is considerable. Senator Beyer alluded to some of the exits and the access to the interstate. Again, these are dangerous and if we increase our speed limit in our area to 65 I think we are going to have a considerable increase in property accidents and, therefore, possibly in fatalities. Some of that problem has been diminished since they put stop lights at 72nd off the interstate and at 84th off the