

strategem to defeat the bill if possible but if not defeat it, to create so much confusion about what is being done that people won't know where we are at a given point on the bill, so I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a question. Senator Hoagland, there are a lot of people who have to travel much greater distances more frequently on the interstate than you would because of your line of work which primarily is in Omaha. So if your concern about the Omaha area where you live is taken care of, would you then support the bill?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, I announced...I indicated earlier, Senator Chambers, I didn't want to be misunderstood on this issue. I am against the bill no matter what it provides in terms of increasing speed limits but because I don't really have a feel as to the kind of support you have, I just want to be sure we have an insurance policy for Omaha in case the bill does pass.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Members of the Legislature, this is one of those issues that I think you ought to consider very seriously. The people in Omaha do have a different outlook as well as some of the senators from Lincoln because they are not on the interstate a great deal of the time and if, as has been pointed out, time is money for some people, licenses can be lost. Insurance rates can be raised because you exceed a speed limit which while exceeding it you are not creating a hazard but it can be money out of your pocket in several different ways and even threaten your livelihood if you make your living by driving. It is very easy if you are not faced by those circumstances to self-righteously say well I am for the speed limit at 55, let's leave it where it is, it is good, it saves fuel and everything else and nobody is inconvenienced by it. Senator Hoagland talks about the leisurely fashion in which he can drive on the interstate and there have been studies that have shown that you drive at such a slow rate of speed, you are on the highway so long that you tend to lose concentration and lapse into a semi-hypnotic state. There have been people who have driven up on the back of the trucks with their eyes wide open, but the monotony of the countryside and being in that situation for such an extended period of time itself created a hazard. So let Senator Hoagland drive on the scenic roads that he is concerned about but those of us who must use the interstate for the purpose intended, give us what we need and I am for this bill and I am still opposed to the amendment because their statistics defeat their argument.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fenger.