

don't know whether the car is on the highway where there is not a lot of stopping or starting as occurs within the city limits. None of these things are stated when they offer these statistics, nor do they point out that the vast majority of fatalities occur on roads where the speed limit has nothing to do with 55 because it is much lower than that. They occur on city streets, on primary and secondary state highways and county roads. They never mention that they lump all of these things together and give it to you as a package and say, if you take a 55 mile an hour speed limit you can cure all of this. Never on any issue do you find people making such broad, generalized claims for a product other than if somebody is selling snake oil. It would cure whatever has the reporter scratching the back of his neck. It cures bunions, fallen arches and depending on whether you rub it on your head or swallow it, it can cure pneumonia or gout. With gout you have to rub it on. If you swallow it, it cures pneumonia. That is the kind of line that you are being fed by the people who say they favor 55. What they simply ought to say is this: "When I drive the road," this is one of them talking, "I like everybody to be going slowly around me. I like to drive slowly except when it is inconvenient for me, then I will go faster than 55." That is what they ought to say because that is all that is involved. Everybody on this floor has driven faster than 55 miles an hour, everybody, and some people maybe in school zones but the point of fact is this. The public is driving around 63 to 66 miles an hour now. If you talk to people who survey the highways, that is what they will tell you. So, you are not going to change that by simply putting in this bill, 55 miles per hour, because that is what is on the highway signs now. I say do away with the hypocrisy, view this in the same way that people finally had to realistically view prohibition. You can say that drinking is a sin and a shame but there was no way the federal, state and local governments could keep people from pouring the alcohol down their throats. Senator Schmit pointed out that despite grain embargoes, the flow of grain into the Soviet Union will continue to occur and some of it from America by devious means. So if you cannot stop the flow of alcohol, if you cannot stop the flow of grain to the Soviet Union even by an embargo, you cannot stop the flow of traffic which already occurs on the interstate. So, I am saying, put law enforcement in a better position to enforce the law by putting a reasonable speed limit, one that will encompass most of the people who travel the interstate, then the number of violaters is automatically reduced. And remember this last point. Colonel Kohmetscher has already stated and it is in the articles that were handed out by Senator Hoagland and his colleagues, that