

I would strongly urge you to reject the kill motion. I think Senator DeCamp made two of the most preposterous arguments that he has made on the floor this year. First of all he says we can go sixty-five under the present law. Well, we all know that is true but think of what we are doing. We the lawmakers, we who are demanding respect for the law from everybody in the state are standing up here on the floor of the Legislature and saying let's reject this so that everybody can go about disobeying the law. Senator Nichol is absolutely right. If we are going to have a law, let's have a law that we expect to be enforced, let's have a realistic law. Then Senator DeCamp stands up and tells you, well, why risk the federal government taking away the funds. Well, how long ago was it that he wanted it at sixty-five and he was willing to risk the federal government taking away the funds. Now think about it for a minute. Think what a preposterous situation the federal government would be in if they attempted to take away our funds at this point. They have gone along knowingly, full well knowing that everybody in Nebraska is breaking the law up to sixty-five miles an hour because the Nebraska Legislature made a law that allowed it and because the legislators stood up on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature and promoted it and they know that is happening. Now if we effectively, effectively, I say, reduce the speed limit three or four miles an hour, now they are going to come along, and say because you have effectively lowered your speed limit, we are taking away your funds. I can't believe any administration would have the audacity to do something like that. That would be completely hypocritical. It is just not going to happen. Again, we have been through all this before. Let's hold steady in our course. We are looking ridiculous to the people of the state now. We come around and around on these things. Let's just hold steady, reject the kill motion, advance the bill, not spend any more time on this and get the job done. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when the bill started out, it was what I really believed was a good, effective, workable, feasible piece of legislation. It was considered by some to be a radical position and I found myself on the other side of the line to people in the body who might be considered conservative with respect to certain things. Now it seems that the tables have turned and I find myself in league with those that were on the opposite side in the first place. When I tried to get the sixty-five and couldn't, I argued and others did against returning it to fifty-five and taking away the grace. When that was defeated, going back to fifty-five and it was agreed to put the amount at sixty, I said I would not try to raise it to sixty-five and I am not