

fact that it is administered at the local level, I think that does happen. I think most of us are aware of that. What I am suggesting is that the Safety Patrol and the other law enforcement agencies conduct periodic spot checks out there on the highways where the need is at and where it would do some good. The reason for that is very simple it seems to me and I can put it in a pretty personal basis. I drive approximately thirty-five to forty thousand miles a year on my car. Yet, I get an inspection only once a year. Now I will submit to you that something could certainly go wrong with that car in forty thousand miles but to a degree, I am lulled into a sense of security because an inspection sticker says it is good until a certain point in time. On the other hand, my mother-in-law drives her car about three thousand miles a year probably and she is inspected just as often as I am and it costs her just as much as me. It seems to me that if the inspections were being conducted out there on the highways where I am at with my car, I would probably, because I do drive that number of miles, I would probably run into a spot check several times during a year which is as it should be. If you are out there on the roads then you should be checked and as I say, I have talked to the Colonel and he agrees that they will do it if we tell them to and I am suggesting that that is exactly what we should do, is do away with this and through the intent language here in the Legislature, indicate that that is what our desire is and it certainly is. I would suggest that also the statutes of the State of Nebraska gives the Patrol that authority. 60-7435 indicates and I will just read a short portion of it to you, that, "an inspector, when in uniform to require the driver thereof to stop and exhibit his operator's license, registration card and so forth," and then it goes ahead to say that, "it is reasonable to believe that such motor vehicle is being operated in a violation of the statutes to Nebraska pertaining to light and brake equipment or the rules and regulations of the Director of Motor Vehicles pertaining to loads." In other words, the Director of Motor Vehicles could still establish the rules and regulations and the Patrol could, or other law enforcement agencies, do the spot checks to make certain that the equipment was kept up in good condition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I suggest to you that the traffic fatalities of the State of Nebraska which are climbing at an alarming rate are caused by other issues other than safety of mechanical problems with an automobile. You know the real issue is that the nut behind the steering wheel in most cases is what causes the accidents, not the loose nut on the automobile somewhere. Alcohol related, speed related, those are by far the largest majority of any type of