

communities in as good condition as they possibly can be. I urge you to indefinitely postpone 35. Let's have an interim study. Let's not jump into something overnight.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I really wanted to speak to the issue at hand but since this is an opportunity to indefinitely postpone I will take this opportunity to agree with that. I handed out to the members of this body a moment ago a case study of a car recently that was involved in a rather terrible mishap. Some University students were its victims. That car was rejected and if you read that whole report, the final remark is that that car should have never been on the highway. Now if our inspection system suffers some default, this body should fix it. We shouldn't ignore it and I will read to you some of the national highway safety program, their objectives. First of all this bill was born in Finland in 1922 and almost all countries and states have some kind of inspection. When a car is new we hope that it meets all the standards in terms of safety but even occasionally we see where General Motors and Ford and others recall a large number of cars because of some defects and they are either taken to the station or to the man where you bought them and they repair them. Now when a car gets to a certain point there is always a wear and that results in defective systems. We all know that. The logic of the program in Nebraska is that we should inspect our cars at least once a year to determine whether or not those fifteen items we inspect them for are indeed, possibly going to cause an accident. We all know that 80% of defects-caused accidents are attributed to the failure of your brakes, tires, steering and suspension and our inspection does indeed concentrate on these areas. The frequency of inspection is important as well. Senator Marsh said we possibly should go to semi-annual inspections. Possibly we should but I still believe that all vehicles should be inspected. Senator Kahle said a moment ago if the inspection does nothing else it causes each of us to look at our vehicles to see whether or not they are defective before we take them there for the purpose of inspection and we do repair those things many times on our own. I suggest to you that if we get rid of this inspection system, Nebraska will become the graveyard for a bunch of junkers and I think that that is a terrible decision for this body to make today. Studies made in Texas and Indiana, other states reveal that inspections do diminish the chance of defective cars which in turn cause accidents and I submit to you that what I handed out to you, had that Volkswagon not been allowed to even be on the highway, four lives might have been saved. Yet that car