

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President and members, first of all let me tell you that this is not a delaying tactic on my part. Let me also tell you I think that that is part of our job is to be here and debate these issues that are important to the State of Nebraska. I can assure you that this issue is important, it is important to the entire state, it is important to where I come from, it is important to the business that I am in. I'll remind you again as I have reminded you before, I'm not exactly an outsider on this issue. But I can tell Senator Schmit that I am not doing this in order to delay the passage of 245 or 245A. I think that I am helping you out but it is strange how some people don't even want to help. I'm trying to give you interest plus the original investment. I'm trying to get you some extra votes, but there are people outside these glass doors and there are people inside this body that say this is a negative signal. If it is a negative signal to have money in the bank then I wish I had a lot more negative signals. I can assure you I don't see where that is so negative to appropriate the money, put it in the bank, let it draw interest and say, here it is. Now I don't see how Virginia Smith or anybody else in Washington, Lincoln or anyplace else in the United States can think that is negative. If this is the way we want to operate, if we want to operate on promises, then I would suggest to you that we debated a long time at the beginning of this session the speed limit in the State of Nebraska and what the speed laws should be. Why don't we simply ask for a promise of everybody when they apply for their drivers license that they will not exceed the speed limit. If they tell us in writing that they will not exceed the speed limit, then fine, give them a drivers license and not even have any laws in that regard. If all it takes is promises we certainly don't need any laws. If we all could go back to the Ten Commandments we could do away with all 90 chapters of the statute, it would be a great idea. We wouldn't need us. That would probably be even a greater idea. But the fact of the matter is that it doesn't work that way. But there are members of this body that are going to sit and vote for a bill simply because somebody has promised that they are going to do a certain thing or not do a certain thing. Now I think that is a heck of a way for a legislative body to operate. But I guess that is the way this body has decided to operate this year. Without dragging it out any further and again I'm not doing this to delay the passage of the bill. I'm doing it to help it out. I urge the body's adoption of this amendment.