

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you want to speak to the bill? Senator Von Minden, do you wish to speak to the bill?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I think this bill is a very important bill, and getting back to Senator DeCamp or Senator Chambers, we aren't all highly learned men and fluent speakers like Senator Chambers is but we do know right from wrong, and my people in my district sent me down here for common sense legislation and you very well know we have a couple of Senators who are going to introduce a bill to protect our people on our highways, to get the drunk off the road. We are introducing this bill to get the maniac off of the road. When we had the committee hearing on this bill, one fellow came down and he spoke about he drove a truck and he bragged about having a jamming device in his truck. He said there is no way that I can drive the speed limit and get over the roads I want to get over and he admitted to driving on fifty mile an hour roads and exceeding the speed limit. To me that is the fellow we want to get off the road. That is the fellow that is going to save lives of and he takes a twenty-five thousand ton truck and he beats down the road sixty, seventy, eighty mile an hour and oncoming to a car that weighs approximately a ton, that fellow I'd like to get off the road and those jamming devices are there for no other reason but to break the law, and again if we want to play Tom and Jerry with our patrolmen and put our patrolmen down by passing laws where they can't uphold the law, then what are we down here for.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Von Minden, Senator Von Minden and members of the Legislature, I am sorry to say this but often what we call "common sense" turns out to be nonsense when it comes to the law. It doesn't matter what the Legislature declares its intent to be, when the law states what the provisions of the bill are. According to the provisions of this bill, not only must the thing be disconnected, but it must either be in the rear trunk of the car or some compartment or located in the car not accessible to the driver. So even if the guy had the device totally disconnected from a power source and sitting on the front seat on the other side of the car, as long as the driver or somebody in the car can reach it, that is possession based on this bill. So Senator Goodrich, I think Senator Vickers answered you in good conscience and good faith because he was using common sense in defining for you what possession and improper use would be, and obviously, if you use the layman or the ordinary person's