

what the courts allow so I appreciate your doing it. Now what I want the Colonel to do is to put this into the teaching and tell those troopers that you don't have to make a visual observation. Now let me tell you how I, who am disregarded so much on the floor of this Legislature, win radar tickets. Let me tell you, Senator Hoagland, who is a lawyer, I never testify. I never present evidence. Then how do I win? They can't make their case. They don't know what to testify to to get a conviction and if you think I'm not telling the truth, you can go to the Department of Motor Vehicles and I'll bet I've got fewer points against my license than anybody on this floor and I'll demonstrate that they have not convicted me for a radar ticket and radar is the tightest thing they have. You are encouraging them to remain ignorant. There are court decisions, I should have known you wouldn't read this, especially Senator Hoagland who even asked for it. A judge said in State against Hansen, and remember I'm making the motion to advance so I've got ten minutes, "we believe these conditions," talking about accuracy, competency of the officer and training, "are necessary to maintaining and approving public confidence in the law enforcement and judicial systems. For the average law-abiding American citizen, minor traffic offenses constitute the only contact such a person will have with the law enforcement and judicial systems. Public confidence rests upon the fairness of such proceedings." And it goes on to say you have to have meaningful standards to convict people. Let me read you from a judge now, a judge, a judge, Senator Hoagland, a j - u - d - g - e, judge of the United States jurisdiction who is talking about dismissing eighty-four radar citations. I recognize, Senator Hoagland, that many millions of dollars in revenue are involved in "speeding" fines but let it be understood once and for all, the function of the traffic court is to convict the guilty, acquit the innocent, Senator Hoagland, and improve traffic safety, not to be merely an arm of any revenue collection office. At the same time, if the heirs alleged by the opponents of radar do exist, then one must wonder and Senator Hoagland should get this so he will never come to me as some of you have done when your constituent gets a ticket. Don't bring that mess to me any more. What percentage of these millions of dollars has been collected from erroneously convicted defendants? How many of these defendants have suffered the additional penalties of extremely higher insurance rates and the unnecessary compiling of points with the consequent loss of drivers licenses and perhaps jobs? I am concerned about the innocent being convicted even though Senator Hoagland and last year, Senator Johnson said he is not, you've got to get a few innocent people. What kind of thing is that for a lawyer to say? When the cornerstone of American justice is that it is better to let ten guilty people go rather than convict one innocent