

probably the only law, criminal law, in this state that almost every citizen has some contact or involvement with at one time or another is our speeding laws and it is important that in those disputed cases both sides, the patrolmen, the courts, and the individual potential speeder, know what the law is. That seems to make minimal sense on the most enforced law of all. And remember, ninety, I don't know what percent, but I am going to guess ninety some percent of all your speeding things are accepted automatically. When somebody does challenge it usually they do it because they sincerely believe it is wrong for some reason or another. Is it so bad, then, to have standards so that they know what the rules are? But let me finish my argument with something absolutely and ultimately simple, and I wish I had Senator Hoagland here to ask him a question. Is Senator Hoagland available?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Hoagland, one quick question, what is the law right now, this moment, in the State of Nebraska on this particular question? Is visual observation in conjunction with the radar device a requirement?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator DeCamp, I can't answer that but that is not what Senator Chambers...

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is what I thought. You can't answer that.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: But, Senator DeCamp, that is not what Senator Chambers provision requires. Senator Chambers provision requires that the radar can come only after the visual observation and that is my objection.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator, the proposal, the original language requires that visual observation be a part, a fundamental part of the radar activity and I think Senator Hoagland did answer it accurately. He doesn't know what the law is. The most enforced criminal law somebody should know and that is all it does, it clarifies what the law is for both sides. Above and beyond that, I think my good friend Senator Hoagland maybe has a little misconception of how these radars work. It isn't like...well, it isn't like an old Ford car where you maybe change the oil once every six months or ten months. They are very fine devices, a tuning fork, and his recommendation that, aw, heck, you check it out every six months or a year I think reflects maybe his lack of in depth research in this particular subject. I think it is a reasonable amendment if you want to adopt the law, and as I say, the law itself is a separate question.