

in the motorists that are driving cars now on our streets, and believe me, we do have inferior material being used on our highways. In the City of Omaha, many of you come to Omaha and notice that since two years ago when Senator Newell introduced the bill to eliminate or to ban studded snow tires, Omaha grooved the majority of the interstate highway. You find that now when we have sleet and rain, those grooves fill up with the water and then freeze and then you really have very icy roads. There is no chance of that water running off. It stays in the grooves. And yet we say that studded snow tires has ruined these streets in Omaha. I can't believe that our Public Works Director can come down to Lincoln to the Legislature, to the committee, and say that the streets in Omaha have been ruined by studded snow tires. Most of the people that have written, and I will admit that again, Senator Wesely, because I don't want to come here with dirty hands, most of the people that have written to me are senior citizens. There is only ten percent according to the Department of Motor Vehicles, because two years ago it was fourteen percent, that are using studded snow tires. The senior citizens use those cars probably to go to a bingo game, the doctor, pick up their groceries and maybe go to church. So the majority of that ten percent, I am assuring you, are the senior citizens. I can't see where using those cars during the wintertime two or three times a week, I will admit that I use studded snow tires and drive 120 miles a day, but there are many, many that don't use their cars that often. I don't think that this Legislature would want to force the people that are using studded snow tires to take them off their car and say, you no longer can use them, but everybody coming over from Iowa, thousands of cars daily, coming across the bridge, using studded snow tires, it is all right for them to use them but the citizens of Omaha, the citizens of the State of Nebraska, if we do not pass this bill, will not be allowed to use them. And I know there is a lot of the Senators here that live on the borderline of states that have not banned and refuse to ban the, and Iowa, of course, is one of them that I know of for sure, refuse to ban the use of studded snow tires to make them illegal. Why should we in Nebraska give them the privilege of driving on our streets and yet we say, we who pay the taxes are not allowed to. I urge the members of this Legislature, I do need 30 votes, to bring this to the floor of the Legislature and to further discuss it because there is many Senators that will not have the opportunity because of the ten minute time limit to give their views of the people in the rural area. So give them a chance to tell you the problems they have got and we will do it on General File. I will tell you one thing, that when it comes to General File,