

have a forty-year statute of repose, which makes us still we are going to have a tougher standard than all but five other states.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Abboud, to speak to the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues. Last week I had a conversation with Senator Coordsen about Nebraska highways, and particularly the interstate system through Omaha, and he talked to me a little bit, we were talking about the gas tanks at the time, and he was asking me how fast people drove along the road because of all the hazards that we have there, and I said, well, people follow the speed limit pretty good, probably under the speed limit because of all the barriers and the fact that there hasn't been any markings on the road, they have been worn off during the winter, and I really feel that, especially this past winter, that I was taking my life in my hands when I drove into the city from Lincoln when it was a little bit icy and snowy and I had to go across an area where I-80 and I-680 merge. And they have constructed some asphalt highway there and I usually slowed down to about 30, 35 miles an hour, and the danger about that highway, not only was the ice and snow dangerous, but the fact that it just came up so suddenly, and that is kind of the way it works when you are coming down I-80 as well, both directions, both east and westbound. It is a dangerous highway. Now, and I certainly see the need for additional money for road construction because of the high risk of injury for people driving down that roadway. Now I drive interstate, drive that highway every day, and I still have trouble driving it because of those barriers, and every day it kind of changes. They are doing construction, so there is always a new...seems like a new challenge when I am taking that highway. I don't know what it is like for people that are driving down the interstate, see those barriers for the first time, they are cruising along at the speed limit, and they hit their brakes and hopefully they won't go over the embankment and drop a good probably six stories down on the road. We had an accident last week where a bulldozer falling off, a truck was going too fast around a curve, had a bulldozer on its back end, crashed into a bridge, caused a big tie-up. The road was, well, it is not going to be opened, reopened for another couple of weeks,