

miles an hour on that, in their bill. If you reduced it to 70 from 75, between Lincoln, or between Omaha and the Colorado border you'd be saving 17 to 20 minutes, and from Lincoln to Wyoming border approximately 25 minutes. So that extra five miles per hour really doesn't save you a lot of time traveling across the state of Nebraska. In our surrounding states, I believe Kansas is attempting to go to 70 miles per hour; Missouri has adopted 70 miles per hour; South Dakota, 70 or 75, I'm not sure; and in Iowa, the Senate, I believe, is going after 65 and I don't know what's going to happen over there. So most of our surrounding states, 70 miles per hour seems to be the mean. The thing is, ever since the federal government decided that they'd leave this up to the states to set the speed limits, I have been on record in my area in the news media and with my constituents, and what I told them back then, if we're not going to enforce the speed limit any differently we are now, why bother, why spend the money on the signs. Because right now we're giving them five to seven miles per hour leeway before they get a ticket. So, but however, if we do increase the speed limit, then we certainly should enforce the law. So another thing is like, let's go to the handout now, as far as your reaction time. There's certain people like Ernie Chambers and different ones of us in the body that are kind of gradually traveling into our twilight years. And Ernie mentioned to me and he said that he's just as alert as, and his reaction time is as good as it ever was when he was 20 years old. My only response to him that I feel that he certainly wasn't very alert and/or very quick with reactions when he was 20 because time does change that. So there's very few of us that it hasn't changed. But most people it does, so it does create a safety hazard. I believe the faster you go, the longer it's going to take you to react, and the longer it takes you to react, the longer it's going to take you to stop. So, from the handout, it gives you an idea of what the reaction distances are and the braking distances. One other thing, I checked with Allan Abbott, head of our Department of Roads, and from the studies they have, your acceleration...in your acceleration lanes you should be able to accelerate within five miles per hour of the prevailing speed on the interstates. If we go to 75 miles an hour, there are 54 interchanges between Omaha and the Wyoming border. There are 15 of those interchanges between Lincoln and Grand Island. So those would probably be the busiest interchanges. And in the more rural areas, the farther you go out in the rural areas the less congestion there is, so there's