

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And your reasoning for that is what?

SENATOR ENGEL: I figure safety, it is going to save fuel and, primarily, my primary motive is for safety reasons.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How is it going to have anything to do with safety?

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Chambers, I believe that when you're...two reasons, two things, and I mentioned one earlier. It was in jest, but, evidently, it wasn't taken in jest. As far as there is a lot of older people driving on the roads now, retired people. Their reflexes and so forth aren't as great as the younger folks. That's one reason. Another reason, the faster you go, we know it takes longer to stop. If you get in a situation where you have to make a move and you have to stop, you can't do it as fast, I mean as quickly at 75 as you can at 70.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that the speed limit was 75 miles per hour in this state at one time?

SENATOR ENGEL: I certainly am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And are you aware that there was no effort by anybody within state government to reduce that speed limit?

SENATOR ENGEL: I certainly am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, it really would be better not to do anything at all instead of piddle and play in the way that Senator Engel is talking about. Seventy-five miles an hour is not excessive. Why do you think these highways are called national defense highways? Because in order for the federal government to get certain things done in this country, the idea has to be tied to something which the public has been heated up about. So since they were afraid of being attacked by Russia at any moment of the ho...any minute of the hour of the night or the day, they had to be told that if they drop a bomb, you have to get out of town as quickly as possible, and it will be necessary to move war materiel within this country because the war may be within the boundaries of the United States instead of on foreign soil. So in order to do that, and in the national defense, we need a highway system that