

will help people get out of town before it's too late. I don't know where they'd be going but, anyway, get away from wherever they are, and also to move war materiel. But as anybody knows, who has looked at some of the types of missiles that they have, which they could put on railroad cars or the flatbeds of trucks and move them in that manner, once the missile, or as some of your friends across the water say the missile, was on the flatbed truck, the overpasses would not permit the truck with the missile on it to pass under. So the war materiel that would have to be moved could not be moved on the highway. Calling it a highway built for the national defense was a way to spike some of the public opposition. What was needed was a means to facilitate vehicular traffic, and have a better system to allow people to move from one side of the country to the other if they didn't want to fly in an airplane or take a train. So the whole thing was conceived with what you might call a wink and a nod because, in this instance, it is not something which has proved to be hurtful to the country.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It has been hurtful to some individual communities because of the way it would slice through them, take people's property, and divide those communities. But overall, it has had a wholesome impact, if you take a national view, rather than a local one. These roads were engineered for the type of speed that we're talking about allowing now as a maximum. The highways are safer because they have breakaway light poles, they have better guardrails. Cars are even constructed so that if they are struck, some of them will collapse. There are numerous things that make driving on the interstate safer now than it was in those early days. The fact that you might have older people, those with slower reflexes on the highway, is not a basis to reduce everybody's travel to the lowest common denominator. I will put my light on again so that the new president will not have to tell me to please sit down.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to make a couple of observations, and not necessarily, I am the one in the Transportation Committee that chose not to vote this bill out of committee. I didn't vote no. I just did not vote. Because at any one time, I am not trying to influence