

under what most people consider to be a safe speed at this time. That's the reason I oppose the present submitted amendment. I don't want Nebraska to become the high...I don't want to be characterized as being highway hypocrites. I don't want Nebraska to be known as a hypocritical state when it comes to setting speed limits, and I don't think we need a Nebraska pretend speed limit. I think the committee amendment should be adopted with the 75 mile per hour limit.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and fellow members of the Legislature. I think safety seems to be the overwhelming factor that people want to talk about on this issue. When the interstates were designed, they were designed for 75 mile an hour back then. Back in those days, seat belts weren't much of a...characteristic of automobiles. If I am not mistaken, I think in 1973, or the '73 year was the first year that automobiles were required to have them. Now we've got air bags. I think that kind of overrides some of the safety factors. So with that, I'll yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Klein. Excuse me. Mr. President, how much time do I have?

SENATOR WILL: You have about three and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I was otherwise occupied, so I hope I don't repeat anything that anybody else has said, but since we kind of repeat sometimes, it will just be for emphasis, and imitation is the highest form of flattery said Oscar Wilde. But I want to talk about this trucker issue. Again, as practical and realistic as people are on this floor, I am shocked, amazed, flabbergasted, astounded, and even somewhat surprised that people will not distinguish between the owners of fleets of trucks and the men and women who are actually behind the wheel driving those trucks. The fleet owners are the ones who talk about insurance, fuel savings, and all this other stuff because they are not out on the road. If they took a poll of their drivers, and they don't have governors on those trucks, I always say the real poll is taken with the foot on the pedal on the highway. And you can see that these truck drivers are of a