

area like littering or speed limits. The only reason anybody can say it is "wrong" to drive more than 70 miles an hour on the highway is because there would be a sign that says that. But other than that prohibition, there is nothing in the order of the universe, the moral law, or the nature of human being that would make that kind of conduct "wrong". So when people violate the speed limit, it's not the same as stealing, or physically hurting somebody else. You have to give consideration when we are talking about these kind of issues to what the masses of the people who engage in that kind of conduct will be doing. Since there are people, as Senator Coordsen pointed out, accustomed to driving at a certain rate, that is what they are going to drive. All we do by raising the limit to 75 is to say this is what the limit is, and if you're driving at this speed or slower, you are not violating the law and nobody has the right to approach you and say that you're doing anything in violation of the speed limit law. But if you leave the limit at an unnaturally low level and post that on the sign, posting it on the sign is not going to cause anybody to heed the sign. What it does is breed disrespect for all traffic laws because they seem so inappropriate based on what a traffic law should do. It should not impede people. It should not create obstacles by virtue of its existence. It should facilitate the movement of vehicular traffic. On the autobahn where there is no speed limit, you have a greater problem if you drive too slow, and if you know what is going on on that road, you don't get on there with an oxcart or horse and buggy. You don't even get on it because you understand how the traffic is going to be moving.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have yet to hear anybody on this floor say that because speed kills we ought to petition Congress through our representatives to compel automakers to make cars that cannot go faster than the posted speed limit. Why do you all buy these cars that go faster than the speed limit? Senator Engel has got one. I am going to ask him a question and see if he is going to tell the truth like George Washington allegedly did.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Engel, would you respond?

SENATOR ENGEL: I will certainly try, Senator Chambers.