

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers, as principal introducer, does have the opportunity to present his first. Senator, now I do have...do you want the one you just gave me or the one that's kind of been sitting here for a little while?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The one you just gave me (sic) and I want that other one to stay at the starting gate and give everybody else's a head start 'cause we'll run them down before it's over.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That other amendment will be placed at the bottom of other pending amendments, but this amendment now that you just brought up here, as the principal introducer, you are recognized to open on that amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and this is the amendment that I was referring to and now I'm going to direct your attention to it again. On page 4 of the committee amendments, in lines 12 and 13 you'll find this language, "including the specific enforcement of maximum speed limits". That's the language that I want to get rid of, but to make that a complete sentence, and you can see the context of it, I'm going to read the language that precedes it: "All peace officers are hereby specifically directed and authorized and it shall be deemed and considered a part of the official duties of each of such officers to enforce the provisions of the Nebraska Rules of the Road," then the new language, "including the specific enforcement of maximum speed limits". That already is embodied in the existing language. Officers are given the mandatory duty because the language in the existing language says that it shall be deemed and considered a part of the official duties of each officer to enforce the provisions of the rules, the Nebraska Rules of the Road. Included in the Nebraska Rules of the Road are all the speed limit requirements. The existing language makes it the specific mandatory duty of every peace officer to enforce the Nebraska Rules of the Road. Despite that mandatory duty, it has never been construed to mean that every single violation of every single rule of the road which an officer observes must be enforced. That is impractical. That cannot be done. If an officer, for example, has pulled over a speeder and is citing that person and another car roars by obviously exceeding the speed limit by enough to justify a citation, the officer cannot stop what he or she is doing and go get that other one, so there is a violation which is observed but cannot