

the entreaties of the public in that particular regard, and I'm not suggesting that they should. I think the engineering studies, the traffic volumes, the design criteria, the other factors that they have developed for deciding when to build roads are perfectly sound and I think that those factors would remain and I don't see that the wants or needs of anybody in particular in the state of Nebraska to have a road that's designed to travel 65 miles an hour would be particularly moving to the...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..Department of Roads.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'll be brief but I've heard a lot of people say this afternoon that our cars are safer. Well, one thing we know for sure most of the new cars are smaller and most of them are very aerodynamic. That's a big word for me. Their hoods are very sloped, and if you've ever met up with a deer, they'll more than likely put the animal on your hood or in the windshield and that probably wasn't true with older cars. We used to have big heavy cars and at least if you had an accident you had some weight behind you. But the vehicles nowadays, I would agree, they're safe, but they're smaller and they're a lot lighter and, due to the design of them, if you meet up with a deer at night and there's a lot of deer killed on our highways, it's catastrophic for the deer, it's not very good for the vehicle because it's easy to incur a couple thousand dollars damage, but the way the cars are designed now it's very easy to put that animal through the windshield. Last winter I was trucking and I went from a stretch of interstate from Lexington to Overton. Four road kill that night, very fresh carcasses on the interstate. Some of them hadn't even been moved off the shoulder. So it's a big...it's a big concern of mine because there are a lot of deer in my district and a lot of them are killed at night and all you have to do is check with your law enforcement agencies and they'll tell you so. So, from that standpoint, I think I'm going to oppose the reconsideration and that will conclude my remarks.