

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

February 8, 1999 LB 211

fact, if they do smoke in them? It becomes more broad to the point now where I'm kind of like Senator Landis, and I've never supported smoking. I've had bills in, as many of you know, to control smoking, but I think we're getting so broad now that I'm not sure we can enforce it. And I hate to see legislation introduced and passed that's not going to be enforced, because it becomes a mockery for this institution to pass those kinds of laws. So I have a little bit of problem with the bill the way that Senator Beutler has amended it and I, at this time, as much as I think we need to control smoking, particularly where it affects others, in some of these cases it appears it would not be as much effect on others, and so I'm going to have trouble supporting the Beutler amendment for that reason and hope you would defeat the Beutler amendment and move on with the bill that I think is important. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Kristensen would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature: ten students from the Kenwood Schools in Kearney with their teachers and principal in the north balcony. (Introduced teachers and principal.) Please help me join...please join me in welcoming them. Further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, public policy is set by the Legislature. There are laws on the books which we know will not be enforced in every instance where such laws are violated. I'd like to ask Senator Vrtiska a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Vrtiska, would you yield?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, are you aware of the fact that we have laws against speeding?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that every time a speed limit is exceeded there will be enforcement of this law and that speeder will be apprehended and brought to justice?