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in '94 and '95 before the speed limit was increased in '96, and look at the death increases, they cut across many different kinds of roads, and I...but, again, this provision to me, I'm still not hearing where it's fair to leave the provision as it is distinguishing on the point level the way we do. I just...I just don't see the fairness and so...but I will tell the body and I will tell Senator Chambers, you know, I will be satisfied with the results. You know, you don't have to beat it in the ground. If you want to...if you want to defeat the amendment, defeat it. It's not necessary to go to the extent to which you intend to do, but then that's...that's certainly your choice and I'll continue to do my part to offer the body...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...these options. So, and I...I'm not...this is not a political thing. It is not a politically popular thing to propose these things, but I want to do something about the increasing highway deaths and I have yet to hear any solutions. I hear lots of criticism. I don't hear solutions and I would like to hear them. I would like to see them implemented. I am not comfortable with the way the death rate is going in this state. If anybody here is, they shouldn't be. Now maybe we haven't found the right answer but there has got to be one out there, and so I would...I would really appreciate us focusing on that and deciding what it is that we can do to reduce the deaths because that is a heck of a lot more important than most of the other things that we deal with on a day-to-day basis. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Guess there have been a few surprises for me, as a new member. One was inserting the issue that...or that the interstate speed limit is a rural versus urban issue. I can't tell you how appreciative we, in western Nebraska, are, who drive many hours and hundreds of miles to Lincoln, that the speed limit is 75 miles an hour. And constituents have reflected that same opinion often times already this session. And so I guess I really want to emphasize that that's not what this is about. And Senator Chambers' bill to raise the speed limit was most appreciated, and so I'm not