

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

March 31, 1999 LB 585

of miles over the speed limit on a city street. Now I've driven through some small towns in Nebraska, and maybe it wouldn't matter if you drove 90 miles an hour through the town, but they still have speed limits. Any time there is an area, if it's residential and you have a lot of houses, you know there are children there, people may have pets, it is a greater hazard if you exceed the speed limit there. But even with what they're talking about in terms of those fines, if you exceed the speed limit in a residential area by 4 miles an hour, by 6 to 10 miles an hour, it's a \$25 fine, but on the interstate it's a \$100 fine, where...nobody can argue that the hazard is the same. Ten miles an hour over the speed limit on the interstate is more dangerous than 10 miles an hour over the speed limit in a city? This is irrational, it is political, or there was absolutely no thought given to it whatsoever.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'm not bound to go along with that, and we all have our concepts of what constitutes common sense, good sense and wise policy. And what we're talking about here, Senator Bromm, is going to require me to fight it tooth and nail, to dig my heels in and say I shall not give up. Now, if you're willing to withdraw this part of the amendment, or say you want it killed, then we can move onto something else and kill the one on the fines, too, and get back to what your bill originally was designed to do. I don't think you realize how much you got from me, by way of concession, to vote for that committee amendment. I voted for it. He got that out of me. But doing what he's doing now is going to put me right back where I was. And the bill now I can go all out against it, because this was one of those bills I had marked. But then when I saw the committee amendments, I said, there are things that can make this bill worse than what it is.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I guess I was getting tired back here so I thought it was time to stand up and speak again, and I guess with this amendment again, here we go again. This is one of those feel good bills where we are putting in more penalties and we're not enforcing what we