

who for whatever their reasons may be, and I won't question their motives, who are just opposed to raising the speed limit, but those of us who are out there every day, day after day, are associated and acquainted with the real world, and when you can find a proposition which has support from groups of individuals as widely disparate in ordinary circumstances as myself, Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator Lamb, and Senator Vickers, then that should tell you something about the nature of the issue. It transcends political lines, age lines, party lines, and deals with the reality of driving on that interstate system. So I am asking you to go ahead and advance this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, after that the speaking order is Senator Hoagland, Haberman, Goll, and Abboud.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I rise in support of advancing LB 600A. Senator Warner has been around the Legislature as long as I have been alive, I think, and I don't know whether that is good or bad. Since we are on the opposite sides of this bill, I guess it is bad right now but I am sure he has a good understanding of the federal laws, DOT, but the way I understand it is that there is no mandate that if we would automatically change the law and not be in compliance, my understanding is that the federal government may withhold funds, may withhold funds, and then if I am right, again I very well may be wrong, but my understanding is that it is up to 10 percent of the federal monies that are involved, at least in some types of construction, and it may not be across the board but in some types that is my understanding. And I looked at this last year when I signed on to the bill that Senator Chambers introduced so I think that whether or not since this bill is not going to take effect now because of the amendment by Senator Wesely and Senator Hoagland, I think that we are in very good shape to pass the bill, take a look at what the federal government is going to do. I am sure that the fact that we do pass it will bring the issue to the forefront in terms of federal legislation, it will get talked about a little bit. It is something that I feel needs to be talked about. Senator Wesely, a little earlier, said that we rush through popular legislation. It would be nice to rush through something that was popular for a change instead of rushing through things that are unpopular that we jam down the public's throat. I think if you went out, you would find that the people would say the Legislature has finally done something that makes sense in their minds and that has been supported by the people. I don't think that it is a safety issue when we are dealing with the interstate highways. We are