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SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, you will recall that the bill in its amended form, which is the bill now, was laid on your desk I believe about two weeks ago and we asked you at that time to look over the bill and be ready to debate or discuss any portion of the bill. I would again call your attention to what the bill does not do as specified on page 2 when the document was placed on your desk. Then on the next page your attention is called to the changes that are made in the traffic laws as we know them as they are contained in the statutes today. Now I'll go on to say that this bill was introduced by an interim study committee, or the Public Works Interim Study Committee headed by Senator Wiltse. Now Senator Wiltse may wish to make some explanation of the bill as it is before you and probably then will ask Senator Barnett to take over the discussion of the bill in that he was the chairman of the subcommittee that made this study and then submitted the bill to the Public Works Committee so I would yield to Senator Wiltse in that the amendments are the bill and he can make whatever statement he wants and then if he wishes to he can yield to Senator Barnett who was the chairman of the subcommittee and I believe is prepared to explain the bill as it was amended.

SPEAKER: Senator Kremer, the white sheets in our book are the committee amendments, correct?

SENATOR KREMER: No, the bill that I laid on your desk or that the pages laid on your desk two weeks ago is the bill. Now it does need a few changes that Senator Barnett is offering some amendments to the committee amendments that will make the bill in your book conform to the white copy that's been laid on the desk. I think probably those amendments to the committee amendments should be taken up first.

SPEAKER: Before I recognize Senator Wiltse I'd like to announce that there are 13 students from a secretarial class in North Platte Junior College, North Platte, Nebraska, teachers Miss Schwab and Mr. Nelson. They are in the south balcony and Senator Waldron's district. We're very happy to have you here today to visit our Legislature. The chair recognizes Senator Wiltse.

SENATOR WILTSE: Mr. Chairman, as a result of the Public Works Interim Study Committee Resolution No. 30 it was directed by the committee to study Nebraska rules of the road, LB 45 is the uniform bill to codify the state level and the national federation standards for uniform traffic regulation. Throughout the summer, the interim study committee met many days. In fact weeks, in preparation, took testimony from numerous representative groups and individuals vitally interested in the traffic laws of the State of Nebraska. Among the groups, associations and individuals which gave assistance to the interim study committee were representatives from the City of Lincoln, from the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Patrol, and Nebraska Roads Committee of the Bar Association, the City Prosecutor of the City of Omaha, Rural Letter Carriers Association, and a good many more. These people offered criticisms and suggestions to the bill as it progressed through the hearing stages and some of the suggestions were adopted and some were rejected. The document as presented is a compilation of all the accepted suggestions and the Federal Highway Act of 1966 recognized a need for a national program of highway safety. On one part of the program is the uniform rules of the road. Senator Barnett served as the sub-chairman in this connection and did the majority of the work as the chairman of the committee and I'd like for him to take over the further discussion with some assistance he may get from under the balcony.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.