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SENATOR BARNETT: First of all, Mr. Chairman, may I ask did Senator Kremer's amendments get adopted?

SPEAKER: Not yet.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'm trying to figure out which would be the most simple way to go about doing this because this is coming at the end of about four to five years of work and I'm wondering if we should adopt your committee amendments right now or should we explain the bill? Senator Kremer, which do you think would be best? Because actually your amendments are the bill and then we will have to...

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, the Clerk advises us to adopt your amendment to the committee amendments first and then adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, this may take some time but--okay. I think as they pointed out, this bill was put on your desk about a week and a half to two weeks ago. In 1931 the State of Nebraska adopted the rules of the road. In 1933 again in 1935, 1961 they adopted rules of the road. This coordinates the efforts through all these years and it takes into enactment and into consideration the rule of the road from one end of the United States to the other. What is being done across the states is an effort to coordinate traffic rules and regulations so that when you drive from one state to the next you will not have to worry about a difference of driving rules and regulations. I don't know if they've told you everything that this bill will not do. I can name a few, we have them, they're in the front of the bill if you have the bill in front of you I think it'd be a lot easier for you to look into it and see what LB 45 does not do and then on second thought we're going to switch over and go and tell you what 45 does where it recodifies, correlates complete laws in the following areas of the rules of the road. Now everybody that we've worked with as Senator Wiltse said probably spent I would imagine months on this bill and we have figured that we've got most of the amendments out of the way but it, it's definitely a possibility that somebody else has something they'd wish to offer. We'd like to have that offered on Select but if not we'll take it on General and work with them. We do have over on my right in the event that anybody in here wants any question answered Stu Wheeler, and department of roads personnel who have helped recodify this law through the last interim which was directed by this body through a resolution to be done. Here's some of the things that it does do. Obedience to and effect of traffic laws, traffic signs, signals and markers, driving on the right side of roadway, overtaking and passing, right-of-way, pedestrian's rights and duties, turning starting and signals on turning and stopping, special stops, speed

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restrictions, serious traffic offenses, traffic offenses stopping, standing and parking, miscellaneous rules, operations of bicycles and play vehicles and operations of motorcycles. Now I know that there's parts of this bill that some of you Senators have had interest in. We definitely want to talk about them, we definitely want to bring them up on this discussion. Let me tell you what some of these areas might be. The area of the right turn on a red light has definitely got to be discussed and decided by this body. The area of speed limits at night if anybody wants to attempt to reduce them, that has to be decided by this body. The motorcycle helmet law, that has to be decided because we haven't changed that a bit. It stays just like it is in the present statute. As a matter of fact, there's only a few things that are changed as far as the rule of the road is concerned.