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**SPEAKER:** Senator Whitney.

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** Mr. President, may I ask Senator Carpenter a question, please. Nowadays, they can sit on a hill a quarter of a mile away or a half mile away and then radio to someone on the highway the speed of another automobile. Now is this amendment..would that prevent the Highway Patrol from sitting on a hill a quarter of a mile away from the highway but in perfect site of those driving on the highway.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** The amendment says all state patrol vehicles equipped and used in electronic checking of the speed of any motor vehicle shall be clearly visible to all traffic approaching the patrol vehicle from either direction.

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** Yes. Now, it's visible a quarter of a mile away..away from the highway, if a person would look in that direction, but are you confining this to only those who are on the highway. I just want to get a statement of intent here.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** No,,we're only confining where they can see them.

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** In other words, it would be all right for a highway patrolman to set on a hill a quarter of a mile away and check the speed limit.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** Well, I would think according to this amendment it'd probably be all right. It would be against the intent of it, yes.

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** Yes. If it were visible...if he were visible from the interstate but if he were not visible from the interstate, he could not be doing it.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** That would be my interpretation.

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** Yes, thank you.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Richendifer.

**SENATOR RICHENDIFER:** I'd like to ask Senator Carpenter a question. Would you appreciate an amendment that would make it mandatory that any plain clothed officer you had in your store to catch thieves would be highly visible to the thief?

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** No.

**SENATOR RICHENDIFER:** But this is what you are saying about the Highway Patrol. They have to be highly visible to everyone, speeders, flagrant violators, the whole works.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** Well, I think that would do more good than to have undercover people in my store, any other store, to try to prevent stealing. The fact that we got someone there with a badge, if we can afford to do it, is the greatest deterrent there is to people stealing things that don't belong to them and anybody who is in a retail business, and I presume any other business, knows that theft is a very large degree and percentage of your net profit. There is really no way, either by undercover or anything else, but if there was a way, if you could afford to put a man in a uniform with a badge on and a light on his hat to know what he is there for, I would say it'd cut it down very materially, yes.

**SENATOR RICHENDIFER:** I will have to agree with you there. However, these patrolmen can sit out in the median with their electronic equipment and catch speeder after speeder and,