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as you want and that's precisely what will be done. Well the truth of the life is, even if the car is parked, if you have this amendment, the car, the patrol car must be parked along the highway within visible distance. We have so many highways, so many thousand miles of roads, there aren't going to be many out there any way and I think it's a fair statement to say, that approximately 90% of the time or more, you don't see a patrol car any place. Not because they aren't trying to enforce the law, because there aren't enough of them. Like Senator Syas, I drive this Interstate everyday and every once in a while there is a patrol car there, but 90% of the time or so, there is not. To my visibility. So under this amendment I can speed all I want within the community as long as I don't see a car, and this says to commit a crime, it must be done in the presence of an officer. Now what kind of a law is that? Take the law on theft. Are you going to say that you are not stealing unless you do it, in the presence of an officer? That's what this says and speeding is a misdemeanor and a misdemeanor is a crime, and so let people tool down that highway at 85 or 100 miles an hour, and endanger human life, just because there isn't a patrol car in sight. It seems to me, makes no sense at all. Now Senator Chambers if for the amendment and I, and as far as I know to the best of my knowledge, Senator Chambers is a law abiding citizen. I think he is. At the same time I would say he has no great love for cops. Which a patrolmen essentially is, but just because some people may have had, and I don't say Senator Chambers had, maybe all of us had in some regard, just because we've had a little brush with the law at one time or another, is no reason in my judgement, that we should take away the effective tools of law enforcement and lastly if this recommendation had come from the Nebraska Safety Council, or the Omaha Safety Council, or the State Patrol, then I would tell you with much more seriousness, but it comes from a member of our body, maybe from several members who want

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