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SENATOR BARNETT: Yes, I would like to say, Senator Stull, I think it would be good if we could compromise somewhere here because they do have to publish these rules and acquaint people with them and if we do this under an emergency situation it would be impossible to do it that way. I would ask that if you could at least let it go so it would enact in the proper time then it would be sooner than January 1. This would push them, there's no doubt about this. So I would ask that we could at least go that far. Because if you make it an emergency, that means next week they're going to have to start checking these rule of the road conditions with nobody knowing anything about them.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I spent some time on this sub-committee and there's a good many days of work that was spent on this bill and it's a very important bill and I think that by adopting the amendment here a few minutes ago that we've almost made it impossible to convict a person for speeding on the highway and I think that that amendment is actually put the entire bill in jeopardy and I certainly don't like to see all this time wasted. In fact, I think Senator Barnett made the remark yesterday that the study was started on this bill back some three years ago and from time to time there's been a good many hours of work put in this piece of legislation.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, I'd withdraw my objection.

SPEAKER: There are several more who wish to speak and so the chair will interrupt to say we have 45 students from 6, 7th and 8th grades and 7 adults from the Pierce County Rural Schools of Pierce, Nebraska, Mrs. Donna Galvin the teacher and from Senator Kennedy's district. We're very happy to have you students here this afternoon. The next person to speak is Senator Marsh, then Kremer and Keyes. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that if the problem is the Carpenter amendment to this, that perhaps the motion that should be made is to remove the Carpenter amendment and then let this piece of legislation take its place without this noose around its neck so that it can function as it was designed to function after four years of study rather than trying to add the emergency clause to it if it's not going to function as we need it to anyway. Senator Barnett on the floor? Senator Barnett. I would like to ask Senator Barnett what he feels the Carpenter amendment will do to this as a total picture?

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, will you yield?

SENATOR BARNETT: Trying to determine what will happen in this body would take the works of a magician. There's no way I can tell you what it would do to the bill. I know this is a controversial issue, it was split right down the middle but I would hate to think that on one issue out of four or five years of study and everything that this bill entails, if this would kill it, then I might have to go along with some of the things I've thought in the last few weeks.

SENATOR MARSH: I'd be very hesitant to put an emergency clause on a bill that's over 100 pages long when this will be something each of us will have to live with and I wonder if the information about this can be transmitted to the drivers of Nebraska who also will need to know the contents.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.