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SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'm really quite concerned about this amendment, putting the emergency clause on. I'll give you one example. The bill stipulates that before changing lanes that the driver must give notice of his change of lanes 100 feet ahead of making the change in lanes and without the public knowing about some of these things, someone's going to be in trouble. I think it's going to take time to change signs, for example to turn on a red light. I think we're really unwise in pushing this thing along that fast. I think that the way the bill is now written that it is effective on January the first is right and proper. I somewhat agree with Senator Stull, let's get the thing going and yet I think we must give the driving public time to become acquainted with the bill and the ramifications of it. I personally feel it would be very unwise to put the emergency clause on the bill.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'll only say that for Senator Stull's amendment I would certainly have to oppose it. I don't think that the minute the Governor signs this bill and it becomes law, if it should get that far, that the City of Lincoln is going to have time to change their signs for turning on red and not turn on red nor is this going to be possible over the states I would say that it ought to take just a little time. Certainly I think that Senator Stull should withdraw his motion.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER: Any objections? If not, so ordered.

CLERK: There are no further amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'd renew my motion to advance LB 45 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask a question on the bill. How long do you think the general public will take now to know that when this bill becomes effective there is no speed limit, there's no way, it's unlikely that you'll get caught speeding? How long do you think it will take that to get through the publicity of the State people? Don't you think they'll catch on to that real well?

SENATOR BARNETT: I don't quite understand what you're talking about, Senator Syas, there are speed limits in the bill so that's a misleading statement.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, do you think people will observe speed limits when there's no enforcement?

SENATOR BARNETT: What do you mean by no enforcement?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, unless the policeman happens to be around, the highway patrolman, there's no enforcement.

SENATOR BARNETT: I don't think that's true because they can catch you without the mechanical or electric devices now.

SENATOR SYAS: How can they?

SENATOR BARNETT: Just follow you.