

the agency, the Department of Roads.

SENATOR CARPENTER: In other words, then why not just give them the power in the first place?

SENATOR BARNETT: This is only under certain conditions that they can change. They cannot change a state law clear across the state, Senator Carpenter. They could change in an area where there is...in my opinion, where there is a high fatality rate, they could reduce it but there is some question of this. But under construction and under different circumstances, the Department of Roads has the power to reduce the speed limit so to adjust them.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But they cannot overall reduce the speed limit?

SENATOR BARNETT: No.

SENATOR CARPENTER: All right. Now, what is the speed limit in the business sections of every incorporated area?

SENATOR BARNETT: I can't answer that. For Lincoln in the business, we're at 25 miles an hour.

SENATOR CARPENTER: In the main street, it is 20 miles.

SENATOR BARNETT: That's right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And in the residential, it's 25 miles, and that cannot be changed by any local subdivision of government. Right?

SENATOR BARNETT: I would have to look up what the local subdivisions could do under it but I think they can adjust their own speed limits within the city. I'd check that on that. I'll check that for you, if you want me to find out.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If you can, what's the use of passing the bill in this area.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, you have to incorporate all the speed limits in the Rules of the road. The speed limits are incorporated all the way through in the state Rules of the road.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't know the answer to the problem you brought up but to me...it seems to me that if you are going to establish, only as an illustration, in any incorporated area that 20 miles an hour is the maximum on any business street and 25 miles an hour is the maximum speed on any residential area. Now let's just project this just a little bit further and it can happen. It probably wouldn't happen but it could happen. Somebody wants to turn their highway patrol loose in order to enforce the state laws as they now exist. Well, let's take the streets of Scotts-bluff, for example, almost anytime after five o'clock at night you would arrest everybody that's on main street because they are going anywhere, certainly above 20 miles and as high as 50 and 60 and 70 miles an hour. They are dragging Broadway and what happens there happens in almost every town. Let's go in the residential section. How many people go beyond 25 miles an hour. I would say at least 50% and probably 7 out of every 10. Let's say the state wants to come into your town and my town and enforce the law and bear in mind that the state and the Highway Department when Federal funds are used, they preempt the law in the area of the control of any artery, anyway, in which the state or the federal has any money. All I want to know, for example, what does the 20 mile speed limit