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SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, the right-of-way in my judgement is out at the edge of the right-of-way is not very far to see. And I am like Senator Snyder, I feel that they are traffic hazards and I feel that way moreso since I was riding with somebody one time and we cam upon a sleet storm and the automobile went right down into the barrow pit and right through the fence. Had there been one of these signs there I wouldn't be here today. And I have a feeling that it's alright to have those signs clear out to the edge, of the right-of-way, and if they want to make them a little bigger as a tax payer, I'm willing to make them a little bigger, but I don't like those hazards right up next to the paving. I know they have the brackers on there, but I don't think those brakers always work. And so, I'm very reluctant to accept this resolution, but I would accept a resolution to the effect that they move these signs to the outside edge of the road.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Whitney, if you think those are a hazard wait until those trees

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grow up that they have planted out there. You are against trees too, aren't you?

SENATOR WHITNEY: I certainly am. On the right-of-way. I love trees. But I don't want them to be in the middle of an airport, runway, nor do I want them to be on a right-of-way of a highway.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I don't believe speed and these signs are inter-related at all because it won't be long until we will be driving 55 and 60 miles an hour at the most, along the interstate. So I think everyone could have a change to see the beautiful scenery of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, then Senator Mahoney, then Senator Warner

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman and fellow members. I rise in support of the Savage resolution. I often think of a cartoon where a man was driving through a state that didn't have any signs and somebody put up a little bit of a sign along the road and all it said. Monotonous is'n't it?

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, then Warner, then Schmit.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I speak in behalf of the Savage Resolution. Some three years ago Senator Savage and myself were in Wichita as part of a National Committee which worked with all the other states on the Intergovernmental Committee, and the study of these signs. And it was told to the Washington people who represented the Federal Highway Department that the states were going to maintain this type of sign in order to maintain the tourism in the states. They didn't care what happened to the other signs on the highway, but this was some in which all states had agreed 100% that they were going to maintain the historical value of the signs that we have in Nebraska as all